

By: Buckley

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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and generous life devoted to the service of
2 his nation has drawn to a close with the death of retired U.S. Army
3 Colonel Ralph C. Gauer Sr. on June 3, 2021; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Chicago, Ralph Gauer received his
5 bachelor's degree from Loyola University, and in June 1958, he
6 joined the U.S. Army and embarked on a distinguished military
7 career that spanned three decades; he served around the world,
8 including assignments with special operations units in Central and
9 South America, Vietnam, and Korea, and later in life, he earned a
10 master's degree in government from the University of Maryland and
11 graduated from the U.S. Army War College and the National War
12 College; and

13 WHEREAS, Over the course of his exemplary 31-year tenure in
14 the army, Colonel Gauer was the senior staff intelligence officer
15 for the 1st Cavalry Division and the III Corps, where he later
16 became interim chief of staff; he also served as Deputy C2 of the
17 United States/Republic of Korea Combined Forces Command, and he
18 commanded the 312th Military Intelligence Battalion and the 504th
19 Military Intelligence Brigade; in addition, he served many faculty
20 assignments at the army's John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center
21 and School at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, where he eventually
22 became director of its School of International Studies; and

23 WHEREAS, After retiring from the army in 1990, Colonel Gauer
24 started his own business, RCG Media Services, which provided

1 military and international news reports to television stations; in
2 1997, he settled in Austin, where he worked for State Senator Troy
3 Fraser on veterans and national defense issues and served as vice
4 chair of the Texas Military Preparedness Commission; he retired
5 again in 2017, but he remained active in veterans and military
6 issues as a leading member of the Association of the U.S. Army; and

7 WHEREAS, Colonel Gauer's numerous military decorations
8 included the Legion of Merit and the Bronze Star Medal, and in
9 civilian life, he earned the Spirit of America Medal from the Good
10 Soldier Foundation, the Armed Services YMCA Volunteer Excellence
11 Award, and the Jefferson Award for Public Service from the American
12 Institute for Public Service, among other honors; and

13 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Colonel Gauer enjoyed the love
14 and support of his wife, Mary; he was the proud father of four
15 children, Ralph, Todd, Laura, and the late Joseph August Gauer III,
16 and he was blessed with a granddaughter, Katherine, and a
17 great-granddaughter, Isla; and

18 WHEREAS, A distinguished soldier and a dedicated public
19 servant, Ralph Gauer will be deeply missed, but the patriotism,
20 integrity, and dedication to duty that defined his life will
21 forever inspire all those who had the good fortune to know him; now,
22 therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
24 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory
25 of Ralph C. Gauer Sr. and extend heartfelt sympathy to the members
26 of his family and to his many friends; and, be it further

27 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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1 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
2 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Colonel
3 Ralph C. Gauer Sr.