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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, A life dedicated to the service of his nation has drawn to a close with the death of retired U.S. Marine Corps Colonel Robert Carl Johnson on October 31, 2020, at the age of 85; and

WHEREAS, Bob Johnson was born on June 5, 1935, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, to Vernon and Della Johnson, and he grew up with two siblings, Donald and Marilyn; in 1955, he married the former Nancy Nichols, and the couple went on to share a rewarding union that spanned 65 years; he was the proud father of two children, Michael and Catherine, and later in life, he was blessed with three grandsons; and

WHEREAS, Answering his nation's call to duty, Mr. Johnson enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1955 and trained as a pilot; during the Vietnam War, he flew 500 combat missions, including 39 missions launched from aircraft carriers and one in which he was forced to eject from a plane after an engine malfunction; he retired from the marines in June 1983 at the rank of colonel, having logged 5,100 hours of flight time over the course of his career; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Johnson remained proud of his military service and stayed faithful to his fellow veterans through the years, and he played a leading role in the establishment of the Wise County Veterans Memorial Park in Decatur and the Wise County Veterans Memorial Museum in Bridgeport; committed to the effort to bring a veterans hospital to Bridgeport, he continued to make phone calls in support of the project from his hospital bed, until the end of his life; and

WHEREAS, A devoted family man and a proud marine, Bob Johnson earned the admiration of all who knew him, and he will forever hold a special place in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Colonel (Ret.) Robert Carl Johnson and extend heartfelt sympathy to his relatives and many friends; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Robert Carl Johnson.