

R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

11 WHEREAS, Answering his nation's call to duty, Mr. Johnson
12 enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1955 and trained as a pilot;
13 during the Vietnam War, he flew 500 combat missions, including 39
14 missions launched from aircraft carriers and one in which he was
15 forced to eject from a plane after an engine malfunction; he retired
16 from the marines in June 1983 at the rank of colonel, having logged
17 5,100 hours of flight time over the course of his career; and

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

1 of his life; and

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

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

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

King of Parker

H.R. No. 100

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 100 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 10, 2021.

Chief Clerk of the House