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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.