

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, A rich and purposeful life drew to a close with the  
2 death of retired U.S. Air Force Master Sergeant Herbert Lenvil  
3 Critser of Midlothian on December 15, 2020, at the age of 92; and

4           WHEREAS, Herb Critser was born in Miller, Missouri, on  
5 September 10, 1928, to Vernon and Irma Critser, and he grew up with  
6 three siblings, Glenn, Dorthy, and Bettye; he was educated in a  
7 one-room schoolhouse that was built by his great-grandfather, and  
8 he graduated from high school in Keenesburg, Colorado; and

9           WHEREAS, Answering his nation's call to duty, Mr. Critser  
10 enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1948, at the age of 19, and over  
11 the course of his 20-year military career, he served his country  
12 through the conflicts of the Cold War, the Korean War, and the  
13 Vietnam War; he flew a wide variety of aircraft, including B-25 and  
14 B-29 bombers and KC-97 and C-141 military transport planes, and had  
15 participated in 33 missions into Vietnam before retiring in 1968 at  
16 the rank of master sergeant; his military awards included the Air  
17 Force Commendation Medal, the Outstanding Unit Award, the National  
18 Defense Service Medal, and the Vietnam Service Medal; and

19           WHEREAS, Returning to civilian life, Mr. Critser settled in  
20 New York, where he was employed by Celanese America and later by  
21 Virginia Chemicals, which relocated to Dallas; continuing with the  
22 company, Mr. Critser moved with his family to Midlothian in 1976,  
23 and he retired in 1984; he cofounded the Fujikoki America company in  
24 Dallas, where he worked until retiring again in 1996; skilled at

1 repairing and building mechanical items, he was also a prolific  
2 inventor and the designer of rain barrel and garden irrigation  
3 systems, an automobile timing light, and an attic stairs insulation  
4 unit; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Critser and his wife, Antoinette, shared a  
6 rewarding marriage that spanned 58 years, and they were blessed  
7 with two children, Vernon and Kathy Jo, and three granddaughters,  
8 Tamra, Monika, and Emily; and

9 WHEREAS, Admired for his courage, patriotism, and strong work  
10 ethic, Herb Critser leaves behind a record of service that his loved  
11 ones can remember with pride; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
13 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Herbert Lenvil  
14 Critser and extend heartfelt sympathy to his family and friends;  
15 and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
17 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
18 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Herb  
19 Critser.

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H.R. No. 803

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 803 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on April 30, 2021.

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Chief Clerk of the House