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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A life dedicated to the service of her country and
2 her community drew to a close with the death of retired U.S. Air
3 Force Colonel Patricia Ellen Frain on May 3, 2021, at the age of 75;
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5 WHEREAS, Pat Frain was born in St. Louis, Missouri, on June
6 19, 1945, to Luke and Ann Frain; after graduating from Hillsboro
7 High School in Illinois in 1963, she earned a nursing degree from
8 St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing in St. Louis; and

9 WHEREAS, Answering her nation's call to duty, Ms. Frain
10 joined the U.S. Air Force in June 1970, and over the course of her
11 exemplary 22-year military career, she earned the Meritorious
12 Service Medal with two bronze oak leaf clusters, the Air Force
13 Commendation Medal, the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with one
14 bronze oak leaf cluster, the Air Force Organizational Excellence
15 Award, and the National Defense Service Medal with one bronze star,
16 among many other awards; after retiring in August 1992 at the rank
17 of colonel, she received the Legion of Merit, one of the highest
18 honors given to military personnel; and

19 WHEREAS, Ms. Frain continued to serve in civilian life as an
20 inspiring mentor to many people, and she was the mayor of Sunrise
21 Beach for 13 years, earning the respect of the community for her
22 no-nonsense servant leadership, never asking anyone to do anything
23 she wasn't willing to do herself; in retirement, she delighted in
24 the time she spent sewing, quilting, and embroidering, and she also

1 enjoyed golfing, shooting, and woodworking; and

2 WHEREAS, A proud military veteran and a dedicated public
3 servant, Pat Frain lived a rich and purposeful life, and she leaves
4 behind a legacy that will continue to inspire all those who knew and
5 loved her; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
7 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Colonel Patricia
8 Ellen Frain and extend heartfelt sympathy to the members of her
9 family: to her sister, Jane Chesser, and her husband, Clyde; to her
10 nieces, Becky Jorn, Brenda Young and her husband, Terry, and Julie
11 Pachesa and her husband, Bob; and to her other relatives and many
12 friends; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
15 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Pat Frain.