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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, All who shared in the life of Thomas R. Early of The
2 Woodlands were deeply saddened by his passing on April 23, 2021, at
3 the age of 88; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Jacob and Myrtle Early, Tom Early was born
5 in Borger on April 23, 1933, and he grew up with the companionship
6 of his four older siblings, Ferrill, Cleland, Norvill, and
7 Ethellea; as a teenager, he played sports and worked as a farm and
8 ranch hand, construction worker, and roustabout in the oil fields;
9 he graduated from Stinnett High School as salutatorian of his class
10 and went on to earn a bachelor's degree in economics and government
11 from The University of Texas, as well as a master's degree in
12 economics and finance from the University of Houston; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Early joined the United States Marine Corps in
14 1953 and served for eight years, attaining the rank of corporal; in
15 civilian life, he enjoyed a successful career as chair and CEO of
16 Surgimedics, which was the first business to locate in the Research
17 Forest area; and

18 WHEREAS, Active in his community, Mr. Early was a trustee of
19 the Spring Independent School District and the founding chair of
20 the nonprofit Education for Tomorrow Alliance, and for many years,
21 he was a member of U.S. Representative Kevin Brady's Service
22 Academies Nominations Board; moreover, he played an instrumental
23 role in the construction of the Texas Marine Medal of Honor Monument
24 in Town Green Park, which was dedicated in 2007; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Early married his high school sweetheart,
2 Jeanine, on November 21, 1952, and the couple shared a rewarding
3 union that spanned 64 years until her passing in 2016; he took great
4 pride in his children, Steven, Jeff, and Jennifer, and with the
5 passing years, he had the pleasure of seeing his family grow to
6 include five grandchildren; a man of faith, he was a valued
7 congregant of The Woodlands United Methodist Church; and

8 WHEREAS, A proud military veteran and devoted family man, Tom
9 Early will forever be a source of inspiration to those he leaves
10 behind; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
12 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Thomas R. Early and
13 extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his son,
14 Jeff Early, and his wife, Brenda; to his daughter, Jennifer Early
15 Kiser, and her husband, Gene; to his grandchildren, Joshua Kiser,
16 Kathryn Early, Lauren Early, and her husband, Austin, Alyssa Early,
17 and her husband, Kevin, and Jacob Kiser and his wife, Amanda; and to
18 his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
21 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Tom Early.