

1 into the inferno and dropping his bombs on the target; his plane
2 emerged with its left wing on fire, and Lieutenant Hughes and five
3 other members of his crew lost their lives while attempting a crash
4 landing in a riverbed near Câmpina, Romania; two additional crew
5 members later died of their injuries and two others were captured by
6 the enemy; and

7 WHEREAS, In recognition of his sacrifice and his dedication
8 to duty, Lieutenant Hughes was posthumously awarded the
9 Congressional Medal of Honor, the nation's highest military award;
10 his widow, Hazel Dean Hughes, was presented with the medal in April
11 1944, and the remains of Lieutenant Hughes were repatriated and
12 buried in Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio in April
13 1950; he is the only resident of Refugio ever to earn the Medal of
14 Honor, and the Lloyd H. "Pete" Hughes Memorial Committee of the
15 Refugio ISD Education Foundation is leading an effort to recognize
16 his connection to Refugio by naming a portion of U.S. 77 in his
17 honor and by installing a memorial at Refugio High School; and

18 WHEREAS, A proud son of Refugio, Lloyd Herbert Hughes
19 Jr. paid the ultimate price while fighting for his country during
20 the most far-reaching conflict in world history, and the citizens
21 of his hometown, his state, and his nation owe him a debt of
22 gratitude that the passage of time can never diminish; now,
23 therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the 87th Legislature of the State of Texas
25 hereby pay tribute to the heroism of U.S. Army Air Corps Second
26 Lieutenant Lloyd Herbert Hughes Jr.; and, be it further

27 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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1 prepared for his family as an expression of high regard by the Texas
2 House of Representatives and Senate.