

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 28

In Memory  
of  
Andrew Gid Terry Jr.

**WHEREAS**, Retired United States Air Force Colonel Andrew Gid Terry Jr. of Longview passed away on June 10, 2023, at the age of 89, bringing a great loss to his family and friends; and

**WHEREAS**, The son of Bessie Irene Turner and Andrew Gid Terry Sr., Gid Terry was born in Greenville, Mississippi, on February 5, 1934; he worked his way through Mississippi State University, where he was a student leader and member of the Air Force ROTC; after completing his bachelor's degree in business, he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the USAF and began pilot training; he married the former Elizabeth Ann Noble in December 1955 and they became the parents of two daughters, Debbie and Lisa, as well as a son, Gid, who tragically lived for only one day; and

**WHEREAS**, Colonel Terry's career spanned three decades and took him and his family to seven different states and two foreign countries; he served in all three of the air force's command divisions at the time, and during the Vietnam War, he flew missions in the Military Airlift Command, carrying supplies and sometimes transporting combat troops or airlifting the wounded; later assigned to the Strategic Air Command, he was named deputy commander of maintenance at Beale Air Force Base near Sacramento, California; he took great pride in the achievements of the maintenance squadrons as well as the pilots of that Reconnaissance Wing and earned their admiration and affection; moreover, he became one of the elite few to fly the SR-71; following his retirement in 1985, he and his wife settled in

Marshall; they were very active in their church and community and formed many wonderful friendships through the Marshall Lions Club; Mrs. Terry preceded her husband in death; and

**WHEREAS**, Although Gid Terry is greatly missed by those he has left behind, they will continue to find inspiration in his warmth, kindness, and dedication; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of U.S. Air Force Colonel (Ret.) Andrew Gid Terry Jr. and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his daughters, Debbie Hembree and Lisa Constantine and her husband, Gene; to his grandchildren, Lance Spott, Courtney Rogers, and Micah, Leah, and Hannah Constantine; to his great-grandchildren, Sydney and Connor Spott and Samantha Rogers; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Colonel Gid Terry.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on October 19, 2023, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate