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R E S O L U T I O N

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

4           WHEREAS, The son of Bessie Irene Turner and Andrew Gid  
5 Terry Sr., Gid Terry was born in Greenville, Mississippi, on  
6 February 5, 1934; he worked his way through Mississippi State  
7 University, where he was a student leader and member of the Air  
8 Force ROTC; after completing his bachelor's degree in business, he  
9 was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the USAF and began pilot  
10 training; he married the former Elizabeth Ann Noble in December  
11 1955 and they became the parents of two daughters, Debbie and Lisa,  
12 as well as a son, Gid, who tragically lived for only one day; and

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

1 1985, he and his wife settled in Marshall; they were very active in  
2 their church and community and formed many wonderful friendships  
3 through the Marshall Lions Club; Mrs. Terry preceded her husband in  
4 death; and

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

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

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