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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The 95th birthday of an esteemed member of the  
2 Greatest Generation is indeed cause for celebration, and Donald  
3 Gene Davidson of Brenham is marking this milestone in his life on  
4 December 7, 2023; and

5           WHEREAS, The son of Mary Pauline and William Davidson, Don  
6 Davidson was born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, in 1928; he served as  
7 a paratrooper in the U.S. Army's 11th Airborne Division at the end  
8 of World War II, taking part in the occupation of Japan; after  
9 receiving his honorable discharge, he earned his bachelor's degree  
10 in industrial management at Oklahoma State University; he wed the  
11 former Patricia "Patsy" Sue Paschall on June 1, 1950, and they  
12 became the proud parents of a son, Greg; through the years, their  
13 treasured family grew to include a daughter-in-law, Donna Garcia  
14 Davidson, and a granddaughter, Mary Grace Davidson; Mr. and  
15 Mrs. Davidson shared a fulfilling 64-year relationship until her  
16 passing in 2015; and

17           WHEREAS, Mr. Davidson began his career with Standard Oil of  
18 Indiana, and in the late 1950s, he was involved in opening up new  
19 oil fields in the U.S. and the Persian Gulf; switching to the  
20 aerospace industry in the 1960s, he worked on the Polaris, Ranger,  
21 and Minuteman programs for Hercules Powder Company in Salt Lake  
22 City and on the design and testing phase of Apollo Lunar Excursion  
23 Module components for Brown Engineering Company; later, he returned  
24 to the energy sector and helped to establish a communication

1 platform along the Trans-Alaskan Pipeline; he retired from Atlantic  
2 Richfield Company in 1986 to focus on raising Longhorn cattle at  
3 Grand Ranch; in addition, he had two other family businesses, Mail  
4 Courier Express and Pee Dee Patterns, where he was both owner and  
5 artist; he also starred in *Walking Away*, an award-winning  
6 independent movie; and

7       WHEREAS, A prolific author, Mr. Davidson wrote a novel about  
8 the Greatest Generation, as well as a 670-page history of the  
9 Davidson family, tracing it from 14th Century Scotland to modern  
10 America; he has been an active blogger for 15 years, recording his  
11 insights in "The View from Grand Ranch: The Ramblings and  
12 Ruminations of an Octogenarian"; very active in the Republican  
13 Party, he has served as an election judge and precinct worker; he  
14 maintained his vigorous fitness regimen well into his 90s; and

15       WHEREAS, Respected and admired by all who are privileged to  
16 know him, Don Davidson may reflect with great satisfaction on a  
17 lifetime of achievement, and it is a pleasure to join his friends  
18 and loved ones in honoring him on this memorable occasion; now,  
19 therefore, be it

20       RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature, 3rd  
21 Called Session, hereby congratulate Donald Gene Davidson on his  
22 95th birthday and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued  
23 happiness; and, be it further

24       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
25 prepared for Mr. Davidson as an expression of high regard by the  
26 Texas Senate.