

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, A life made rich through meaningful service drew to
2 a close with the passing of decorated Vietnam War veteran Clarence
3 Eugene Sasser of Sandy Point on May 13, 2024, at the age of 76; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Willie Sasser Jr. and Alice Brown,
5 Clarence Sasser was born in Chenango on September 2, 1947; he was
6 raised by his mother and stepfather on a farm in Rosharon, where he
7 grew up with his siblings and stepsiblings; after graduating from
8 Marshall High School in 1965, he began studying chemistry at the
9 University of Houston; he was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1967,
10 and he served in Vietnam as a medic with the 3rd Battalion, 60th
11 Infantry, 9th Infantry Division; and

12 WHEREAS, On January 10, 1968, Private First Class Sasser was
13 participating in a reconnaissance mission when enemies attacked his
14 unit, killing more than 30 U.S. service members in the first few
15 minutes; Private Sasser ran through a hail of bullets to help his
16 injured comrades, and he continued to provide treatment even after
17 being severely wounded; once the group had crawled to a safer area,
18 he tended to the survivors for five hours before they were all
19 evacuated; he recovered from his injuries in Japan, and he later
20 accepted an assignment there; along the way, he rose to the rank of
21 specialist fifth class; and

22 WHEREAS, In recognition of his courageous actions during the
23 Vietnam War, Specialist Sasser was presented with the Medal of
24 Honor by President Richard M. Nixon during a White House ceremony on

1 March 7, 1969; his other military honors included the Distinguished
2 Service Cross, Purple Heart, National Defense Service Medal,
3 Vietnam Service Medal, and Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Sasser returned to civilian life in June 1969
5 and continued his chemistry studies at Texas A&M University before
6 accepting a position at a petrochemical refinery near Houston; he
7 went on to enjoy a rewarding career as a decision review officer
8 with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs; and

9 WHEREAS, Active in his community, Mr. Sasser was president of
10 the Northwest Brazoria County Servicemen's Association and a member
11 of New St. Philip Missionary Baptist Church; among his many
12 achievements, he was inducted into the Texas A&M Hall of Honor in
13 2013 and was awarded an honorary doctor of letters degree from the
14 university; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Sasser shared a fulfilling marriage with his
16 wife, Ethel, that spanned many years before her passing, and he took
17 great pride in their three sons, Benjamin Sasser and Rossano
18 Dickey, who preceded their father in death, and Billy Sasser; and

19 WHEREAS, Clarence Sasser exemplified the highest ideals of
20 the U.S. armed forces, and he leaves behind a record of service to
21 his country that will continue to inspire all those who knew him;
22 now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the 89th Legislature of the State of Texas
24 hereby pay tribute to the life of Clarence Eugene Sasser and extend
25 heartfelt sympathy to his loved ones; and, be it further

26 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
27 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of

H.C.R. No. 49

1 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of
2 Clarence Sasser.

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President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 49 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 10, 2025.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 49 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the Senate on March 19, 2025.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor