

By: Meyer

H.R. No. 535

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A rich and purposeful life drew to a close with the
2 passing of Andrew Stephen Massimino of Dallas on August 24, 2024, at
3 the age of 89; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Italian immigrants Enrico and Marguerite
5 Massimino, Andrew Massimino was born in Russellton, Pennsylvania,
6 on October 9, 1934, and he grew up with two sisters, Theresa and
7 Marge; he attended West Deer High School, and in 1953, he received a
8 congressional appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy; during his
9 time there, he excelled in academics and athletics, and he went on
10 to graduate with distinction in 1957; commissioned as an ensign in
11 the U.S. Navy, he served two years on the USS *Boston* and completed
12 submarine school curriculum; and

13 WHEREAS, Subsequently, Mr. Massimino attended the naval
14 Nuclear Power School in California, and following training at the
15 operational reactor site in New York, he was assigned to the nuclear
16 submarine program, serving in New Hampshire, Connecticut, and
17 Virginia; he next completed an executive officer tour on the USS
18 *Haddo*, receiving the Meritorious Service Medal, and in 1969, he was
19 promoted to commander and selected for a position at the Pentagon;
20 soon after, he fell ill, and he underwent lifesaving surgery for a
21 brain abscess; upon his recovery, he launched a new career with
22 Electronic Data Systems in Dallas that would span 26 years; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Massimino shared 65 rewarding years with his
24 wife, Frances, and he was devoted to their children, Elisa,

1 Michele, Maria, Andrew, and Julia, and their 11 grandchildren; a
2 man of many interests, he enjoyed travel, cooking, and music, and he
3 delighted in performing with his barbershop chorus; moreover, he
4 was an active parishioner of Saint Patrick Catholic Church; and

5 WHEREAS, Guided by the values of faith, hard work,
6 generosity, and kindness, Andrew Massimino leaves behind a legacy
7 that will long be treasured by all who held him dear; now,
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
10 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Andrew Stephen
11 Massimino and extend heartfelt sympathy to the members of his
12 family: to his wife, Frances Massimino; to his children, Elisa and
13 her husband, Pierre Donahue, Michele and her husband, Joseph Corr,
14 Maria and her husband, James Stanley, Andrew and his wife, Kelly
15 Sanford, and Julia and her wife, Lynda Vargha; to his
16 grandchildren, Carmella, Mia, Dominic, Olivia, Anthony, Rocco,
17 Ramona, Desmond, Augustus, Ignatius, and Jude; and to his many
18 other relatives and friends; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
21 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Andrew
22 Massimino.