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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, A life made rich through meaningful service drew to  
2 a close with the passing of retired U.S. Army Sergeant Major Jesus  
3 San Nicolas Chargualaf on July 15, 2024, at the age of 81; and

4           WHEREAS, The son of Rosa Crisostomo San Nicolas Chargualaf  
5 and Jose San Nicolas Chargualaf, Jesse Chargualaf was born on the  
6 island of Guam on August 2, 1942, while his mother was hiding in a  
7 cave to evade Japanese forces; he grew up in a family that included  
8 13 siblings, and he embarked on his three-decade military career in  
9 1962 at Fort Campbell, Kentucky; his determination to overcome all  
10 barriers and his remarkable physical fitness set him apart and  
11 earned him a place in the nation's first Green Beret unit, the 10th  
12 Special Forces Group (Airborne); a linguist, ultra-long-distance  
13 runner, and master parachutist with a black belt in karate, he took  
14 part in intelligence operations in nearly 20 countries around the  
15 globe; during the Vietnam War, he served as a primary contact  
16 between villagers and U.S. forces, and he retained his kindness,  
17 empathy, and playfulness no matter how dire the circumstances  
18 around him; while stationed in Massachusetts, he volunteered at a  
19 youth center and even mentored youngsters who had inadvisedly  
20 attempted to mug him; and

21           WHEREAS, Mr. Chargualaf shared a fulfilling relationship  
22 with his wife, Gay, and he was the proud father of a daughter,  
23 Nicole, and a son, Jay; following his retirement from the military,  
24 he was employed for 31 years as property manager for Cat Mountain

1 Villas in Austin; he had a tremendous work ethic and rarely took a  
2 day off; in his free time, he grew vegetables and made friends at  
3 the Deep Eddy Community Garden; he enjoyed swimming, fishing,  
4 studying history, and playing chess and cards; delighting in his  
5 role as "Olipop" to two grandchildren, Elizabeth and James, he  
6 engaged them in games of tag and ensured they never lacked for  
7 treats; and

8 WHEREAS, From his earliest years, Jesse Chargualaf  
9 brightened the world for those around him, and although he is deeply  
10 missed, his courage, compassion, and generosity remain a lasting  
11 source of inspiration; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas  
13 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of retired U.S. Army  
14 Sergeant Major Jesus San Nicolas Chargualaf and extend sincere  
15 sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife, Gay Chargualaf;  
16 to his children, Nicole Chargualaf and her husband, Tom McCarty,  
17 and Jay Chargualaf; to his grandchildren, Elizabeth and James  
18 McCarty; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it  
19 further

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