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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The life of an esteemed Vietnam War veteran drew to a
2 close with the passing of Mack Carl Easley Sr. of Texarkana on March
3 2, 2025, at the age of 75; and

4 WHEREAS, Mack Easley was born on September 23, 1949, to
5 Winston and Thelma Easley, and he grew up in New Boston with the
6 companionship of a sister, Shirley; and

7 WHEREAS, Answering his nation's call to duty, Mr. Easley
8 served with the U.S. Army 1st Infantry Division in Vietnam; in
9 November 1968, he and his fellow soldiers were defending Army Fire
10 Support Base Rita near the Cambodia border when they came under
11 surprise attack by North Vietnamese troops; demonstrating
12 tremendous courage in the fierce battle that followed, he helped
13 the American forces defeat the enemy and was subsequently awarded
14 the Bronze Star and Silver Star Medals as well as two Purple Hearts
15 for being wounded in combat; after ending his 12-year military
16 tenure as a physician assistant, he worked until retirement as a
17 health administrator for the Federal Bureau of Prisons; he went on
18 to volunteer at the National Park Service Vietnam Veterans Memorial
19 in Washington, D.C.; and

20 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Easley enjoyed the love
21 and support of his wife, Bonnie; he was the devoted father of four
22 children, Rhonda, Melissa, Kathryn, and Mack, and he cherished time
23 spent with his five grandchildren; his interests included
24 traveling, photography, and exploring the outdoors; and

1 WHEREAS, While the death of Mack Easley brings great sadness
2 to his family and friends, he leaves behind a legacy of valor and
3 service that will long be treasured by all those who held him dear;
4 now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature
6 hereby pay tribute to the memory of Mack Carl Easley Sr. and extend
7 heartfelt condolences to the members of his family: to his wife,
8 Bonnie Easley; to his children, Rhonda Eernisse, Melissa Latham,
9 Kathryn Omerso, and Mack Easley Jr.; to his former spouse, Nancy
10 Easley; to his grandchildren, Haiden Latham, Rhyan Latham, Harrison
11 Easley, Silas Omerso, and Darcy Omerso; and to his other relatives
12 and friends; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this
15 day, it do so in memory of Mack Easley.