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1                                   SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2               WHEREAS, A full and generous life drew to a close with the  
3 passing of U.S. Army Colonel (Ret.) Dennis H. Boerner of College  
4 Station on November 19, 2016, at the age of 81; and

5               WHEREAS, The son of Fred and Mary Boerner, Dennis Boerner was  
6 born on January 10, 1935, in Orange Grove and grew up with a  
7 brother, Fred, and a sister, Evelyn; after graduating from Orange  
8 Grove High School, he earned a bachelor's degree in business from  
9 St. Mary's University, and he later received a master's degree in  
10 business administration from the George Washington University; in  
11 1956, he answered his nation's call to duty and joined the United  
12 States Army, serving as an artillery officer, an aviator, and a  
13 nuclear chemical target analyst; during his exemplary 30-year  
14 military career, he was twice deployed to Vietnam, and his  
15 additional overseas tours included stints in Germany and Korea;  
16 after returning stateside, he proudly served at the Pentagon; and

17              WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan retired from the army in 1986,  
18 having garnered the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star  
19 Medal with oak leaf cluster, and the Republic of Vietnam Cross of  
20 Gallantry; he went on to build with his own hands a beautiful home  
21 among the pine trees of East Texas, where he enjoyed rebuilding  
22 antique cars in his spare time and served the community in numerous  
23 ways, including as a volunteer with the Right to Life movement and  
24 as an active member of the Republican Party, both as a candidate and

1 as a strong supporter of fellow conservative candidates; and

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Boerner was joined in matrimony to the former  
3 Margaret "Maggie" Humes, and they shared a rewarding marriage that  
4 spanned nearly six decades; over the years, the couple had the  
5 pleasure of watching their family grow to include four children,  
6 Kelly Kastner and her husband, David, Monica Boerner, Connie  
7 Bingham and her husband, Michael, and Benedict Boerner and his  
8 wife, Denise, as well as nine grandchildren, Megan, Chris,  
9 Marshall, Alyson, Rachel, Ryan, Reagan, Chloe, and Marshall, and  
10 four great-grandchildren, Bryn, Bristol, Brody, and Caroline; and

11 WHEREAS, Deeply devoted to his faith, his family, and his  
12 country, Dennis Boerner lived a life that was rich in the  
13 intangibles that matter most, and he leaves behind a record of  
14 service that will continue to inspire all those who had the good  
15 fortune to know him; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the 85th Legislature of the State of Texas  
17 hereby pay tribute to the memory of Dennis H. Boerner and extend  
18 sincere condolences to all who mourn his passing; 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 and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of  
22 Dennis Boerner.