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House Resolution 1966

By: Representatives Purcell of the 122nd, Stephens of the 123rd, and Lane of the 101st

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the memory of Captain Thomas L. Moore IV, USAFR, and expressing regret at
- 2 his passing; and for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, news of the passing of Captain Thomas L. Moore IV, USAFR, is received with
- 4 deep regret by this body; and
- 5 WHEREAS, the life led by this distinguished officer and gentleman rendered his name dear
- 6 to the hearts of his family and fellow citizens alike; and
- 7 WHEREAS, he died April 3, 2004, as a result of a military aircraft accident in Savannah,
- 8 Georgia. Originally from Statesboro, Georgia, Captain Moore was an instructor pilot, flying
- 9 the T-6A Texan II, assigned to the 39th Flying Training Squadron, Moody Air Force Base,
- 10 Georgia. He graduated from Statesboro High School with honors in 1990. He then attended
- 11 Georgia Southern University and graduated in 1994 as a member of the Golden Key Honor
- 12 Society with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business and marketing. From 1995 to 1996,
- 13 "Leemo" accumulated more than 1,900 flying hours as a fire suppressor and crop-duster with
- 14 the Georgia Forestry Commission and Southern Agriculture Aviation; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Captain Moore received a reserve commission from Officer Training School
- in April, 1997, was selected to attend Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training at Laughlin
- 17 Air Force Base, Texas, and graduated in August, 1998. He was selected to fly a C-17
- 18 transport aircraft, the Air Force's newest cargo aircraft, after pilot training and attended C-17
- 19 Initial Qualification Training at Altus Air Force Base, Oklahoma, in October, 1998. Captain
- 20 Moore flew the C-17 from 1998 until 2002 with the 317th Airlift Squadron (Reserve) at
- 21 Charleston Air Force Base, South Carolina. He was selected for early upgrade to aircraft
- 22 commander and participated in several combat missions, to include Operations Joint
- 23 Guardian, Phoenix Banner, and Southern Watch. In December, 2001, Captain Moore
- 24 transferred to Moody Air Force Base, Georgia, to become one of the initial T-6 instructors
- 25 in the 39 FTS supporting Joint Undergraduate Pilot Training and the 479th Flying Training

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1 Group. An exceptional officer and pilot, Captain Moore was always ready and eager to fly,

- 2 amassing more than 400 T-6 instructor sorties at Moody. An experienced pilot, Captain
- 3 Moore had more than 2,600 hours in the T-37, T-1A, and C-17 aircraft. His decorations
- 4 include the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, and the
- 5 Air Force Training Ribbon; and
- 6 WHEREAS, while in life he commanded the esteem of his fellow citizens, in his death we
- 7 mingle our sympathies with the grief of his family and friends.
- 8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
- 9 the members of this body honor the memory of Captain Thomas L. Moore IV, USAFR, and
- 10 express their regret at his passing.
- 11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 12 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Captain
- 13 Thomas L. Moore IV, USAFR.