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2 JPPHTYF-2
3 By Representative Faulkner
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 06-Mar-25



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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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3 HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL GEORGE A.
4 GARZON.

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6 WHEREAS, it is with deep reverence that we mark the
7 passing of United States Air Force Lieutenant Colonel George
8 A. Garzon, Retired, on February 12, 2025, at the age of 87,
9 and celebrate his extraordinary life that remains a
10 testament to duty, honor, and an unwavering devotion to his
11 family, community, and country; and

12 WHEREAS, he was born in Montgomery, Alabama, on
13 September 6, 1937, and grew up in the Mount Meigs Community
14 under the care of his devoted grandparents and beloved aunt,
15 Thelma Eubanks; he distinguished himself both academically
16 and athletically at Sidney Lanier High School, earning a
17 letter in varsity tennis, before he pursued higher education
18 at Huntingdon College where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in
19 1959; and

20 WHEREAS, he answered his nation's call to service and
21 was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States
22 Air Force through the Alabama Air National Guard; he honed
23 his aviation skills at the pilot training program at
24 Laughlin Air Force Base in Del Rio, Texas, and at the
25 Advanced Fighter School at Luke Air Force Base in Phoenix,
26 Arizona; subsequently, he graduated from Squadron Officer
27 School and Air Command and Staff College; and



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28 WHEREAS, Colonel Garzon's military career was marked
29 by valor and excellence; he served as an elite fighter pilot
30 flying the RF-84 and RF-4C with the 160th Tactical
31 Reconnaissance Squadron at Dannelly Field in Montgomery; his
32 distinguished service during the Berlin Crisis earned him
33 the National Defense Service Medal, the Combat Readiness
34 Medal, and the Small Arms Expert Marksman Ribbon, among
35 numerous other commendations and honors; eventually he
36 retired as a Command Pilot with the rank of Lieutenant
37 Colonel, but for the rest of his life he enjoyed reminiscing
38 and telling tales about flying with his friends and brothers
39 in arms; and

40 WHEREAS, even beyond the skies, Colonel Garzon
41 continued his lifelong mission of service and was a pillar
42 of the Montgomery business community while still serving the
43 public; he was appointed Director of the Alabama Department
44 of Aeronautics from 1990 to 1994, where he played an
45 instrumental role in shaping aviation policy on a national
46 level through his involvement as Regional Vice President and
47 Board Member for the National Association of State Aviation
48 Officials as well as serving as a Board Member for the
49 Center of Aviation Research and Education in Washington,
50 D.C.; and

51 WHEREAS, his lifelong love of knowledge was
52 unceasing, and he earned both a Bachelor of Science and a
53 Master in Education from Auburn University; he was
54 recognized for his academic excellence by being selected for
55 membership in Alpha Epsilon Delta and Kappa Delta Pi Honor



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56 Societies; additionally, he served as an esteemed member and
57 Board Chair for the Auburn University School of Nursing, he
58 was a stalwart member of The University of Alabama School of
59 Medicine's Internal Medicine Program Advisory Board, and he
60 was lauded as Auburn University at Montgomery's
61 Distinguished Alumnus in 2000; and

62 WHEREAS, Colonel Garzon was also an engaged civic
63 leader, serving as Mayor of the Old Cloverdale Association
64 in Montgomery, Chair of the Sewanee: The University of the
65 South Parents' Council, was elected President of the South
66 Alabama State Fair in 1991, served on the Board of Directors
67 of the Group Homes for Children and The Montgomery Academy,
68 was a devoted member of the Order of the Daedalians, the
69 Quiet Birdmen Society, the Montgomery Jaycees, and the
70 Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association; was a lifetime
71 member of the Radio Aero Modelers Montgomery and the
72 International Miniature Aircraft Association; and also
73 volunteered his leadership and expertise to organizations
74 like the United Way, the Kiwanis Club of Montgomery, the
75 Montgomery Country Club, and his two terms of service on the
76 Vestry at St. John's Episcopal Church; and

77 WHEREAS, above all his achievements, his greatest joy
78 and highest devotion was his beloved family, the four
79 children and seven grandchildren he shared with Marney V.
80 Garzon: daughter, Marney Garzon and her son Reed; June
81 Garzon; Georganne Perrine (Thomas) and their children Tiley,
82 Belle, Anne Archer, and Caroline; and Retired Lieutenant
83 Colonel George H. Garzon (Katherine) and their children



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84 George Jr. and Alice; he leaves to them an indelible legacy
85 of warmth, wisdom, and love; and

86 WHEREAS, the State of Alabama stands in eternal
87 gratitude for the distinguished and selfless service that
88 Lieutenant Colonel George A. Garzon showcased throughout his
89 entire life, exemplifying the highest ideals of leadership,
90 devotion, and kindness; now therefore,

91 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
92 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we do hereby reverently
93 commemorate the extraordinary life and enduring legacy of
94 Lieutenant Colonel George A. Garzon, honoring his unwavering
95 dedication and offering our deepest condolences to his
96 family, friends, and all who mourn his passing.

97 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
98 resolution be provided to the family of Lieutenant Colonel
99 Garzon as a token of the highest esteem in which he was held
100 by this body and the people of Alabama.



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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was passed by the House 19-Mar-25.

John Treadwell
Clerk

Senate

20-Mar-25

Adopted