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C I T A T I O N
TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF THE
KOREN KOLLIGIAN, JR. TROPHY

Captain Nicholas H. Hobbie, Jr. is awarded The Koren Kolligian, Jr. Trophy (Posthumous) for his extraordinary feat of airmanship while flying as an Instructor Pilot on 6 December 1974.

On that date, during an air combat maneuver, the ejection system of the front seat pilot malfunctioned, thrusting and immobilizing the pilot and his seat survival kit against the control stick, causing the aircraft to enter a rapid dive. Using both hands to pull on the control stick, Captain Hobbie brought the aircraft under control and realizing the inability of the front seat pilot to safely eject, elected to land the aircraft. Without engine or flight instruments due to a cockpit modification, using ground references only, Captain Hobbie successfully returned to the home base and executed a flawless approach and landing.

Through his superb airmanship and humanitarian regard for his fellow aircrewman, in the dedication of his service to his country, Captain Hobbie reflected great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.