

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The brutal murder of Vanessa Guillén and the
2 reaction on social media highlight the needed support to the
3 military's response to sexual harassment, sexual assault, and
4 missing persons; and

5 WHEREAS, Fort Hood soldier Vanessa Guillén had been missing
6 for more than two months before her remains were discovered, and the
7 murder investigation received widespread attention when law
8 enforcement identified the suspect, a fellow military member whom
9 Guillén was planning to formally accuse of sexual harassment; this
10 prompted countless members of the U.S. military to share their
11 personal experiences of sexual harassment and sexual assault on
12 social media with the hashtag #IAMVanessaGuillen; and

13 WHEREAS, A close look at current military laws and policies
14 reveals concerns, including conflicts of interest and limited
15 options for reporting sexual harassment; too many military members
16 have been failed by this system, and immediate action is imperative
17 to avoid another tragedy; and

18 WHEREAS, To correct these issues, the I am Vanessa Guillén
19 Act has been introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives; and

20 WHEREAS, The brave men and women who fight for our nation
21 deserve access to justice, and Congress should listen to the
22 service members calling for change in the aftermath of Vanessa
23 Guillén's murder; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the 87th Legislature of the State of Texas

1 hereby respectfully urge the Congress of the United States to pass
2 the I am Vanessa Guillén Act, legislation ensuring that necessary
3 changes are made, such as preventing conflicts of interest,
4 requiring independent investigations that are conducted by trained
5 investigators, establishing a confidential reporting option for
6 sexual harassment that can convert to a formal complaint, and
7 directing the Government Accountability Office to evaluate
8 response procedures related to missing service members; and, be it
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official
11 copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to
12 the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of
13 Representatives of the United States Congress, and to all the
14 members of the Texas delegation to Congress with the request that
15 this resolution be entered in the Congressional Record as a
16 memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.

Morales of Harris	Neave
Minjarez	Romero, Jr.
Perez	Allen
Allison	Anchia
Anderson	Ashby
Bailes	Beckley
Bell of Montgomery	Bell of Kaufman
Bernal	Biedermann
Bonnen	Bowers
Buckley	Bucy
Burns	Burrows
Button	Cain
Campos	Canales
Capriglione	Cason
Clardy	Cole
Coleman	Collier
Cook	Cortez
Craddick	Crockett
Cyrier	Darby
Davis	Dean
Deshotel	Dominguez

	H.C.R. No. 51
Dutton	Ellzey
Fierro	Frank
Frullo	Gates
Geren	Gervin-Hawkins
Goldman	González of Dallas
González of El Paso	Goodwin
Guerra	Guillen
Harless	Harris
Hefner	Hernandez
Herrero	Hinojosa
Holland	Howard
Huberty	Hull
Hunter	Israel
Jetton	A. Johnson of Harris
J. Johnson of Harris	Johnson of Dallas
Kacal	King of Hemphill
King of Parker	King of Uvalde
Klick	Krause
Kuempel	Lambert
Landgraf	Larson
Leach	Leman
Longoria	Lopez
Lozano	Lucio III
Martinez	Martinez Fischer
Metcalf	Meyer
Meza	Middleton
Moody	Morales Shaw
Morales of Maverick	Morrison
Muñoz, Jr.	Murphy
Murr	Noble
Oliverson	Ordaz Perez
Ortega	Pacheco
Paddie	Parker
Patterson	Paul
Price	Ramos
Raney	Raymond
Reynolds	Rodriguez
Rogers	Rose
Rosenthal	Sanford
Schaefer	Shaheen
Sherman, Sr.	Slaton
Slawson	Smith
Smithee	Spiller
Stephenson	Stucky
Swanson	Talarico
Thierry	Thompson of Brazoria
Thompson of Harris	Tinderholt
Toth	Turner of Tarrant
Turner of Dallas	VanDeaver
Vasut	Vo
Walle	White
Wilson	Wu
Zwiener	

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 51 was adopted by the House on April 21, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 146, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.C.R. No. 51 on May 28, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 147, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 51 was adopted by the Senate, as amended, on May 26, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____
Date

Governor