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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, In February 2021, Texas is celebrating the 80th
2 anniversary of the Texas State Guard; and

3 WHEREAS, The first colonial militia was established in Texas
4 in 1823, and after independence from Mexico and statehood, the
5 various militias across Texas were consolidated in 1871 as the
6 State Guard, which was replaced in 1903 by the Texas Army National
7 Guard; in 1940, the creation of local military units was authorized
8 by the U.S. Congress whenever the National Guard was deployed for
9 federal service, and on February 10, 1941, the Texas Legislature
10 created the Texas State Guard, which quickly grew to include almost
11 17,500 officers and enlisted personnel organized into 50
12 battalions; in 1948, the legislature activated the Texas State
13 Guard Reserve Corps, which continued until the Texas State Guard
14 was reauthorized in 1965; and

15 WHEREAS, One of the three branches of the Texas Military
16 Department, the Texas State Guard is headquartered at Camp Mabry in
17 Austin; over the years, this mission-ready military force's duties
18 have included providing security for the state's infrastructure
19 during World War II, maintaining order after civil unrest, and
20 conducting recovery efforts after such catastrophic events as the
21 explosion of a freighter in Texas City in 1947 and the loss of the
22 space shuttle *Columbia* in 2003; since 2005, the guard's 125
23 deployments have included responding to Hurricanes Katrina, Rita,
24 Ike, and Harvey and the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as the long-term

1 border missions Operation Border Star and Operation Drawbridge; it
2 has also taken part in such public service efforts as Operation Lone
3 Star, which provides critical medical care to underserved
4 populations in South Texas; and

5 WHEREAS, For eight decades, the men and women of the Texas
6 State Guard have lived up to their motto, "Equal to the Task," by
7 standing ready to aid and protect their fellow citizens, and their
8 remarkable record of courageous and dedicated service is truly
9 worthy of celebration on this milestone occasion; now, therefore,
10 be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
12 Legislature hereby commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Texas
13 State Guard and extend to all those associated with the guard
14 sincere best wishes for continued success in their important work;
15 and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for the Texas State Guard as an expression of high regard
18 by the Texas House of Representatives.