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H.C.R. No. 1

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, Each year, Americans set aside a special day to  
2 honor those members of the U.S. military forces who gave their lives  
3 in the line of duty; and

4           WHEREAS, Memorial Day originated in the years following the  
5 Civil War, when Americans held springtime tributes for soldiers who  
6 had been killed during the conflict, laying flowers on their graves  
7 and offering prayers; originally known as Decoration Day, the  
8 tradition expanded after World War I in order to recognize all  
9 military personnel who died in service to the country; in 1971, the  
10 federal government established Memorial Day as a national holiday,  
11 to be held annually on the last Monday in May; and

12           WHEREAS, The toll of war has been a heavy one; since the  
13 founding of our republic, more than one million U.S. military  
14 personnel have died during wartime, and an even higher number have  
15 been wounded; thousands have endured extreme privation as prisoners  
16 of war, and thousands have been listed as missing in action; and

17           WHEREAS, Throughout Texas, residents make a special effort to  
18 honor fallen service members; the loss of these valiant men and  
19 women is keenly felt not only by their loved ones but also by the  
20 communities in which they resided, as well as by all Texans who  
21 treasure the gift of freedom for which they fought; and

22           WHEREAS, To those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in  
23 behalf of our country, we owe a debt that is truly beyond measure;  
24 while Memorial Day remains an essential and meaningful observance,

1 its poignance can be amplified by officially designating the entire  
2 month of May in memory of those heroic individuals who gave all in  
3 service to their fellow citizens; now, therefore, be it

4       RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas,  
5 2nd Called Session, hereby designate May as Memorial Month; and, be  
6 it further

7       RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the provisions of Section  
8 [391.004\(d\)](#), Government Code, this designation remain in effect  
9 until the 10th anniversary of the date this resolution is finally  
10 passed by the legislature.