

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The area surrounding Joint Base San Antonio-Camp  
2 Bullis was designated as a sentinel landscape in 2022 by the United  
3 States Department of Defense, Department of Agriculture, and  
4 Department of the Interior; and

5           WHEREAS, Sentinel landscapes are areas in which natural and  
6 working lands are well suited to protecting defense facilities from  
7 land use that is incompatible with the military's mission; once a  
8 location becomes a sentinel landscape, the DoD, USDA, and DOI work  
9 with local partners to equip private landowners with the resources  
10 necessary to carry out sustainable management practices; such  
11 activities as farming, ranching, and forestry deliver economic and  
12 ecological benefits while protecting defense facilities from  
13 development that could constrain important training and testing  
14 activities; and

15           WHEREAS, In recent years, rapid population growth emanating  
16 from San Antonio and the I-35 corridor has begun to affect  
17 invaluable military operations and maneuver areas; Joint Base San  
18 Antonio-Camp Bullis, located in northern Bexar County on the  
19 Edwards Aquifer Recharge and Contributing Zones, is the only field  
20 training range for DoD medical personnel and U.S. Air Force  
21 security forces personnel; moreover, it provides a vital field  
22 training range for the Texas National Guard; designation as a  
23 sentinel landscape makes more resources available to willing  
24 landowners to ensure that operations can continue unimpeded; and

1           WHEREAS, Formed to bolster the new sentinel landscape, the  
2 Camp Bullis Sentinel Landscape Partnership is a locally led  
3 coalition of more than 50 organizations, among them governmental  
4 bodies, conservation groups, and the Texas A&M University Natural  
5 Resources Institute; the partnership works to promote thoughtful  
6 land stewardship, supporting private landowners with technical and  
7 financial resources for a variety of needs, including improving  
8 soil health and infiltration, managing hillside erosion and  
9 creek-bank stability, and increasing native plant diversity and  
10 abundance; its efforts will help mitigate drought, flood, and  
11 wildfire risks and reduce light pollution, which impairs nighttime  
12 training; and

13           WHEREAS, The training ranges at Joint Base San Antonio-Camp  
14 Bullis play a critical role in military preparedness, and the Camp  
15 Bullis Sentinel Landscape, supported by the Camp Bullis Sentinel  
16 Landscape Partnership, is safeguarding those ranges while also  
17 promoting agricultural and economic vitality and conserving  
18 natural resources; now, therefore, be it

19           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
20 Legislature hereby recognize the Camp Bullis Sentinel Landscape and  
21 commend the members of the Camp Bullis Sentinel Landscape  
22 Partnership for their commitment to its success; and, be it further

23           RESOLVED, That official copies of this resolution be prepared  
24 for the Camp Bullis Sentinel Landscape and the Camp Bullis Sentinel  
25 Landscape Partnership as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
26 House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 332

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 332 was adopted by the House on March 8, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 140, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House