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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.