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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Civil Air Patrol (CAP) and the Texas Wing have  
2 rendered exceptional service to the citizens of this state; and

3           WHEREAS, CAP was founded on December 1, 1941, as a volunteer  
4 organization to assist the United States military; assigned to the  
5 War Department in 1943, it was designated by Congress as an official  
6 auxiliary to the U.S. Air Force five years later and tasked with  
7 providing emergency services, aerospace education, and cadet  
8 programs; and

9           WHEREAS, For more than eight decades, CAP has conducted  
10 aerial and ground search, rescue, and disaster operations for  
11 federal and state governments as well as local communities; the  
12 agency has contributed thousands of flight hours in search of  
13 missing persons, and it has conducted relief missions for regions  
14 impacted by natural disasters and oil spills; in addition, CAP  
15 played a vital role in the national response to the COVID-19  
16 pandemic by distributing blood, test kits, vaccines, food, and  
17 other supplies; since September 11, 2001, it has completed a number  
18 of noncombatant homeland security and defense missions to ensure  
19 the safety of U.S. citizens and provide the air force and other key  
20 agencies with critical support and training; in 2015, CAP  
21 officially joined the Total Force of the U.S. Air Force; and

22           WHEREAS, The Texas Wing of CAP contributes to the safety and  
23 welfare of all Texans by assisting state agencies, the Coast Guard,  
24 National Guard, Federal Emergency Management Agency, American Red

1 Cross, and local first responders; today, the Texas Wing consists  
2 of nearly 1,800 senior members and over 2,200 cadet members; it also  
3 operates some 36 aircraft, 45 vehicles, and over 600 radio  
4 stations; and

5 WHEREAS, The Texas Wing cadet program provides educational  
6 opportunities for youth, including character and leadership  
7 development initiatives, camping activities, emergency services  
8 training, and service and cyber defense competitions; moreover,  
9 CAP's volunteer pilots fly some 1,900 sorties each year,  
10 introducing numerous young Texans to aviation; the Texas Wing also  
11 supports teachers, students, and schools across the state through  
12 aerospace education programs, teacher orientation flights, and  
13 STEM kit initiatives; and

14 WHEREAS, The dedicated volunteers of the Civil Air Patrol and  
15 the Texas Wing have worked tirelessly to aid and protect Texas  
16 residents in times of disaster, and they are to be commended for  
17 their many contributions; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
19 Legislature hereby recognize the Civil Air Patrol and the Texas  
20 Wing for their service to the citizens of this state and extend to  
21 all those affiliated with the organizations sincere best wishes for  
22 the future.