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S.C.R. No. 2

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, Since this nation's birth, its survival has been  
2 dependent in great measure on individuals who have manifested their  
3 responsibilities as citizens through service and leadership in the  
4 Armed Forces of the United States; and

5           WHEREAS, Erected on the Capitol grounds in Austin are  
6 memorials honoring Texans who fought and died for their country in  
7 lands far removed from their native soil in the Spanish-American  
8 War, World War I, and the Korean War; and

9           WHEREAS, Many Texans served with unquestionable distinction  
10 and valor in World War II, and these men and women also deserve a  
11 lasting symbol of this state's esteem and appreciation for their  
12 commitment, bravery, perseverance, and sacrifice; and

13           WHEREAS, Chapter 443, Government Code, authorizes the State  
14 Preservation Board to preserve, maintain, and restore the Capitol  
15 grounds including the Capitol, the former General Land Office  
16 Building, their contents, and monuments and memorials in the  
17 vicinity; and

18           WHEREAS, The State Preservation Board, under Chapter 443 and  
19 board rules, has approved a portion of the north grounds for  
20 placement of monuments and memorials subject to legislative  
21 approval, specified procedural requirements, the provision of  
22 funding from private donors, conformity to certain size and design  
23 limitations and parameters, and completion on a timely basis; and

24           WHEREAS, Legislators find a tribute to the World War II

1 contributions of America's "greatest generation" to be appropriate  
2 for a suitably designed commemorative work on the Capitol grounds,  
3 and thus confer their consent to the pursuit of proposals and site  
4 considerations in that regard; now, therefore, be it

5         RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas,  
6 1st Called Session, hereby authorize the State Preservation Board,  
7 subject to state law and rules of the board, to approve and permit  
8 the construction of a monument or memorial on the Capitol grounds  
9 honoring Texans who fought or otherwise served, and in many cases  
10 gave their lives, in World War II as part of this nation's armed  
11 forces; and, be it further

12         RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward an  
13 official copy of this resolution to the executive director of the  
14 State Preservation Board.