

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, one of
2 the most-visited sites in Washington, D.C., is being displayed in
3 El Paso on September 5-7, 2003; and

4 WHEREAS, The Vietnam Veterans Memorial, often known simply as
5 "the Wall," lists the names of more than 58,000 American men and
6 women killed or missing in action in the Southeast Asian conflict;
7 sponsored by the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc., and designed
8 by Maya Ying Lin, a Yale University architecture student, the
9 memorial was dedicated on November 13, 1982; since then the Wall has
10 drawn millions of Americans to contemplate the enormous sacrifice
11 that is hauntingly reflected on its 500-foot-long, polished black
12 granite surface; and

13 WHEREAS, For many Americans who might never be able to visit
14 the Wall in the nation's capital, Dignity Memorial, a network of
15 funeral, cremation, and cemetery providers, has sponsored the
16 creation of a three-quarter-scale replica titled The Vietnam Wall
17 Experience; 240 feet long and 8 feet high, the replica is displayed
18 in a number of cities across the country every year; each exhibition
19 enjoys the support and assistance of veterans groups and civic
20 organizations and is free to the public; and

21 WHEREAS, Nearly 3,500 Texans died in the Vietnam War, and the
22 names of 126 native El Pasoans are inscribed on the Vietnam Veterans
23 Memorial; and

24 WHEREAS, Americans owe a profound debt to those men and

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1 women, and to all the nation's military personnel, for their brave
2 efforts in times of great uncertainty and danger, and for the
3 immeasurable burdens assumed and sacrifice made in behalf of all
4 their fellow citizens; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
6 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby recognize the exhibition of
7 The Vietnam Wall Experience replica in El Paso and commend its
8 sponsors for this memorable contribution to the community.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 128 was adopted by the House on August 18, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House