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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

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.