

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Texans, and indeed all Americans, are deeply
2 indebted to the armed services personnel who through the years have
3 responded to international threats to liberty and who have fought
4 overseas in defense of this noble ideal, and we recognize that these
5 extraordinary individuals too often face the ultimate sacrifice of
6 their own lives in the course of safeguarding our freedom; and

7 WHEREAS, The Veterans of Foreign Wars has a rich tradition of
8 "honoring the dead by helping the living" through service programs
9 and special projects, which range from providing active-duty
10 personnel with free phone cards to raising money for the World War
11 II memorial, and Memorial Day of 2003 provides an opportunity to pay
12 special tribute to those American servicemen and servicewomen who
13 have made the ultimate sacrifice on our behalf; and

14 WHEREAS, Americans owe a great debt of gratitude to the
15 valiant individuals who have defended our nation against
16 aggression, tyranny, and injustice; it is most fitting that we
17 recognize the sacrifices of the veterans who have served our nation
18 and that we work to preserve and perpetuate the memory of those who
19 did not return home, for in the end, this is the only means we have
20 to repay their loyal and courageous service; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
22 Legislature hereby honor the memory of the deceased members of the
23 Veterans of Foreign Wars on Memorial Day and extend deepest
24 sympathies to the members of their families; and, be it further

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1 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
2 prepared for the Veterans of Foreign Wars and that when the Texas
3 House of Representatives adjourns on this day, it do so in memory of
4 these veterans.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1371 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 26, 2003.

Chief Clerk of the House