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## RESOLUTION

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

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

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

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas Legislature hereby honor the memory of the deceased members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars on Memorial Day and extend deepest 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.