

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 746

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Williamson County Veterans Memorial Plaza in Sun City, which is being dedicated on Memorial Day, May 26, 2003; and

WHEREAS, The memorial plaza contains nine granite plates inscribed with the names of the 165 servicemen from Williamson County who gave their lives in World War I, World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, A long limestone wall at the site is inscribed with the words "In Honor of Those Men and Women Who Have Served in Our Military Forces," and in front of the wall is a brick plaza with approximately 2,000 engraved bricks, many with the names of those who have served our country and protected our freedom; behind the wall fly the flags of the United States and the six military services; and

WHEREAS, Bricks naming key battles and campaigns in American history, from the American Revolution through the conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq, line the plaza; and

WHEREAS, Two trees are planted at the memorial to honor the oldest hero, Oliver Wolcott, an officer in the Continental Army during the American Revolution, and Sergeant First Class Nathan Chapman, the first American serviceman to lose his life in the Afghanistan conflict; and

WHEREAS, This commemorative project to honor the war dead of Williamson County was organized by a steering committee of the Sun City Community Association; their efforts were supported by

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8587 in Georgetown, who safeguarded eight of the granite plates since an earlier effort to build a memorial for veterans was cut short; and

WHEREAS, The plaza will seat more than 700 people and provide a beautiful setting for ceremonies, concerts, and lectures for the community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby commend the citizens of Williamson County for creating this fitting tribute to those who sacrificed their lives in the cause of freedom; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the many people associated with the Williamson County Veterans Memorial Plaza as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 5, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate