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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Camp Fannin Association World War II Memorial is
2 being dedicated on the campus of The University of Texas Health
3 Science Center at Tyler on April 2, 2005, ensuring that those who
4 pass by will never forget the courage and sacrifices made by members
5 of America's greatest generation; and

6 WHEREAS, Named for Colonel James Walker Fannin, who was
7 killed at the Battle of Goliad, Camp Fannin was opened as a training
8 facility for U.S. military personnel in 1943, and an estimated
9 200,000 servicemen were trained there before it was deactivated in
10 June 1946; and

11 WHEREAS, A large portion of the land that Camp Fannin
12 occupied was later deeded to the State of Texas and is now the site
13 of The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler, but even
14 though the physical evidence of the camp's existence has largely
15 disappeared, its legacy lives on; and

16 WHEREAS, The memorial, a bronze statue of an infantryman, is
17 unusual in that it pays tribute to members of the merchant marine as
18 well as those of the army, navy, marines, and coast guard, and this
19 stirring salute to the sacrifices of the World War II generation is
20 an apt expression of the nation's admiration and gratitude; now,
21 therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas
23 hereby commemorate the dedication of the Camp Fannin Association
24 World War II Memorial on the campus of The University of Texas

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1 Health Science Center at Tyler and commend all those who joined in
2 the effort to bring this meaningful project to fruition.