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## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Travis County Council of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) is sponsoring its 2005 Memorial Day observance in tribute to the more than one million Americans who have given their lives for freedom during times of war and in honor of all who have served their country in the armed forces of the United States of America; and WHEREAS, Our state and nation are fortunate to have sons and daughters whose love of country leads them to military service, yet we are keenly aware of the price so many have paid and the 

WHEREAS, At this time of grave concern, we recognize those who are engaged in dangerous missions abroad and keep them in our hearts as we pray for their safe return; their devotion to duty, honor, and their country is deserving of their fellow citizens' deepest gratitude; and

sacrifices that members of the military continue to render; and

WHEREAS, With roots stretching back more than a century, the VFW has worked steadfastly to assist veterans and to provide moral and financial support to those who are presently serving on active duty; the staunch commitment of this organization to the welfare of America's veterans is also deserving of grateful recognition; and

WHEREAS, The freedoms that our nation enjoys have been dearly bought, and time can never diminish the debt this country owes to those whose lives were cut grievously short in its service; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas Legislative hereby commend the Travis County Council of the Veterans of Foreign Wars for calling on Texans to honor the tremendous sacrifice that lies at the heart of Memorial Day and extend to all the members of the nation's armed services profound appreciation for their steadfast and courageous efforts in our country's behalf.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1827 was adopted by the House on May 25, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House