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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The valiant men and women of the United States armed
2 services risk their lives and well-being to defend their country,
3 and our hearts go out to those who are wounded in the line of duty;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Silver Star Day, an observance that is celebrated in
6 a growing number of states, pays tribute to members of the military
7 who suffer wounds or serious illness as a result of their war
8 service; typically observed on May 1, Silver Star Day is a show of
9 support for those uniformed men and women who are recovering from
10 injuries; and

11 WHEREAS, The color silver has been associated with wounded
12 personnel since World War I; silver stars were used in some states
13 to designate a battle injury, and the tradition developed of
14 covering the blue star on service flags with silver material if a
15 military figure was wounded, while a gold star signified that an
16 individual had been killed in action; and

17 WHEREAS, Today, the organization Silver Star Families of
18 America is continuing the tradition by providing silver star flags
19 and banners and certificates of appreciation to those who are
20 wounded or fall ill while serving in a war zone; this group also
21 assists wounded veterans in other ways, including providing care
22 packages to them while they are recuperating from their injuries
23 and engaging in advocacy and educational initiatives; and

24 WHEREAS, Military veterans who have been wounded in service

1 to their country are deserving of the highest respect, and it is
2 most appropriate for the State of Texas to honor them with the
3 designation of Silver Star Day; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas
5 hereby designate May 1, 2007, as Silver Star Day in Texas in tribute
6 to wounded service members of the United States armed forces and
7 urge all Texans to show their appreciation for the valor of military
8 veterans.