

1-1 By: Rodriguez (Senate Sponsor - Van de Putte) H.C.R. No. 139
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House March 22, 2007;
1-3 April 10, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Veteran Affairs and Military Installations; April 26, 2007,
1-5 reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0;
1-6 April 26, 2007, sent to printer.)

1-7 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-8 WHEREAS, The valiant men and women of the United States armed
1-9 services risk their lives and well-being to defend their country,
1-10 and our hearts go out to those who are wounded in the line of duty;
1-11 and

1-12 WHEREAS, Silver Star Day, an observance that is celebrated in
1-13 a growing number of states, pays tribute to members of the military
1-14 who suffer wounds or serious illness as a result of their war
1-15 service; typically observed on May 1, Silver Star Day is a show of
1-16 support for those uniformed men and women who are recovering from
1-17 injuries; and

1-18 WHEREAS, The color silver has been associated with wounded
1-19 personnel since World War I; silver stars were used in some states
1-20 to designate a battle injury, and the tradition developed of
1-21 covering the blue star on service flags with silver material if a
1-22 military figure was wounded, while a gold star signified that an
1-23 individual had been killed in action; and

1-24 WHEREAS, Today, the organization Silver Star Families of
1-25 America is continuing the tradition by providing silver star flags
1-26 and banners and certificates of appreciation to those who are
1-27 wounded or fall ill while serving in a war zone; this group also
1-28 assists wounded veterans in other ways, including providing care
1-29 packages to them while they are recuperating from their injuries
1-30 and engaging in advocacy and educational initiatives; and

1-31 WHEREAS, Military veterans who have been wounded in service
1-32 to their country are deserving of the highest respect, and it is
1-33 most appropriate for the State of Texas to honor them with the
1-34 designation of Silver Star Day; now, therefore, be it

1-35 RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas
1-36 hereby designate May 1, 2007, as Silver Star Day in Texas in tribute
1-37 to wounded service members of the United States armed forces and
1-38 urge all Texans to show their appreciation for the valor of military
1-39 veterans.

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