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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, On this day, the Texas Legislature pauses to honor  
2 those whose patriotism has called them to duty in our nation's armed  
3 forces, and we also join together in solemn remembrance of those  
4 Texans who have been killed while serving in the Global War on  
5 Terrorism; and

6           WHEREAS, Texas servicemen and servicewomen have long  
7 distinguished themselves as individuals of remarkable courage,  
8 dedication, and determination, and today we are proud to honor all  
9 the men and women from our state who have ever left behind their  
10 loved ones and the comfort and security of their homes to heed our  
11 country's call to arms; and

12           WHEREAS, During these difficult times, as U.S. forces  
13 continue to prosecute the Global War on Terrorism, we are reminded  
14 anew of the tenacious resolve of our military personnel and the  
15 immeasurable debt that we owe to those who have given their lives in  
16 this country's behalf; to date, the United States Department of  
17 Defense has confirmed the deaths of more than 3,300 American men and  
18 women who have served in this war, including at least 300  
19 individuals with immediate ties to Texas; and

20           WHEREAS, Our state and nation are fortunate to have sons and  
21 daughters whose love of country leads them to military service, yet  
22 the deaths of these heroic Texans is a sobering reminder that armed  
23 conflict is not without great and terrible cost; their deaths  
24 represent a tremendous loss to their families and friends, the

1 members of their units, and the State of Texas, and their sacrifice  
2 in the service of our nation will not soon be forgotten; now,  
3 therefore, be it

4         RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas  
5 hereby pay special tribute to the memory of those Texans who have  
6 died while serving in the Global War on Terrorism and honor with  
7 gratitude their selfless and steadfast valor; and, be it further

8         RESOLVED, That the Texas Legislature express its heartfelt  
9 appreciation to all the brave men and women who have ever served in  
10 the United States armed forces.