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H.R. No. 242

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Texas is the proud home to 1.7 million veterans,
2 197,000 of whom live in South Texas and the Rio Grande Valley; and

3 WHEREAS, It is important to honor those who have fought
4 valiantly for America's freedom and security in the past,
5 especially the one thousand World War II veterans that are passing
6 on everyday; and

7 WHEREAS, Members of Coastal Bend veterans organizations like
8 American Legion Post 633 in Mathis, American Legion Post 363 in
9 Rockport, Fleet Reserve Association Branch 94 in Corpus Christi,
10 Military Order of the Purple Heart, Alaniz-Valentine Chapter 598 in
11 Corpus Christi, Pearl Harbor Survivors Chapter 5 in Corpus Christi,
12 VFW Dudley Ives Post 6386 in Rockport, VFW John Wiebel Post 2932 in
13 Aransas Pass, VFW Post 9318 in Taft, VFW Post 8967 Moore-McDonald
14 Post in Port Aransas, Post 8625 Sinton Post in Sinton, Post 3904
15 Stewart-Wendell Post in Rockport, Post 3079 1st Lt. John J.
16 McWhorter Post in Mathis, Post 4403 Calhoun County Post in Port
17 Lavaca, Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 910 in Corpus Christi,
18 and Patriot Guard Riders and Port Lavaca have a rich tradition of
19 enhancing the lives of millions of Texans through their community
20 service programs and special projects; and

21 WHEREAS, The aforementioned veterans organizations help
22 enrich the lives of veterans and their families, providing a close
23 community and strong voice for veterans, as well as acting as a
24 catalyst for change in improving benefits for veterans; and

1 WHEREAS, A South Texas Veterans Administration hospital
2 would serve the needs of Coastal Bend veterans by providing
3 much-needed primary healthcare, specialized care, and related
4 medical and social support services; and

5 WHEREAS, The time has come to make certain that all veterans
6 in the Coastal Bend are enrolled in the Veterans Administration
7 Health Benefits program to help bring a long overdue Veterans
8 Administration hospital to the Corpus Christi area; and

9 WHEREAS, The number of Coastal Bend veterans enrolled in the
10 Veterans Administration Health Benefits program is a key factor in
11 securing a VA Hospital for South Texas; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the veterans of the Coastal Bend area are
13 commended for their valiant and courageous military service to the
14 United States of America and honored for their continuing service
15 to the South Texas community through their drive to bring a Veterans
16 Administration Hospital to South Texas; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for each of the fifteen Coastal Bend veterans
19 organizations of District 32 as an expression of high regard by the
20 Texas House of Representatives.