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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Patriot Guard Riders are committed to honoring 2 members of the nation's armed forces who have given their lives in 3 this country's behalf; and

WHEREAS, At the invitation of families who have lost loved ones, the PGR attends funerals and memorial services to show its respect for the fallen, their families, and their communities; PGR members also shield the families and their friends from interruptions created by any protestor or group of protestors, an objective the PGR accomplishes through nonconfrontational and nonviolent means; and

WHEREAS, The PGR was formed in 2005, after several different groups of riders independently took the initiative to assist families of individuals who had died in Afghanistan or Iraq; today, the PGR includes veterans and nonveterans, riders and nonriders, and members representing a spectrum of political opinion; uniting all of these men and women is the common desire to pay tribute to our country's fallen heroes; and

WHEREAS, The Patriot Guard Riders are performing a service of immeasurable value to families and communities who have lost treasured members of the armed forces, and Americans everywhere can find inspiration in the simple decency and goodness of this admirable organization; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas 24 Legislature hereby commend the Patriot Guard Riders for the

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- 1 heartfelt honor they are rendering to those who have fallen in
- 2 military service to this nation and for the significant support
- 3 they are providing to bereaved families and communities; and, be it
- 4 further
- 5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 6 prepared for the Patriot Guard Riders as an expression of high
- 7 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2572 was adopted by the House on May 25, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House