

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Patriot Guard Riders of South Texas are
2 committed to honoring United States military personnel and to
3 paying special tribute to those who have given their lives in
4 service to the country; and

5 WHEREAS, Affiliated with a national organization that has
6 more than 158,000 members across the United States, the Patriot
7 Guard Riders of South Texas includes both veterans and nonveterans
8 and riders and nonriders, and its membership is open to individuals
9 representing a variety of political opinions; what unites this
10 diverse group is their unwavering respect for the armed forces and
11 their desire to pay homage to America's fallen heroes; and

12 WHEREAS, The South Texas chapter of the PGR carries out its
13 objectives in a number of ways, including visits to veterans' homes
14 and VA hospitals; its members also come together to send off
15 servicemen and servicewomen who are departing for tours of duty and
16 to welcome those who are returning home; and

17 WHEREAS, The primary objective of the Patriot Guard Riders is
18 to attend funerals and memorials for fallen military personnel as
19 guests of the families who have lost their loved ones; through
20 strictly nonviolent means, PGR members may also shield the
21 attendees from interruptions to the services created by protestors;
22 by supporting the mourning families, their friends, and their
23 communities, this notable organization demonstrates a deep
24 appreciation for those who have fought to ensure the freedom and

1 security of the nation; and

2 WHEREAS, The Patriot Guard Riders of South Texas are
3 contributing to the greater good by honoring fallen soldiers and
4 supporting military families, and their efforts serve as an
5 important reminder that members of the armed forces are deserving
6 of the utmost admiration for their dedication and bravery; now,
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
9 Legislature hereby commend the Patriot Guard Riders of South Texas
10 for the outstanding service they have rendered to U.S. military
11 personnel and their families and extend to the members of the
12 organization best wishes for continued success with their important
13 work; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for the Patriot Guard Riders of South Texas as an
16 expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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Anchia	Gonzalez Toureilles	Miller of Erath
Anderson	Guillen	Moody
Aycock	Gutierrez	Morrison
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Bohac	Hancock	Oliveira
Bolton	Hardcastle	Olivo
Bonnen	Harless	Orr
Branch	Harper-Brown	Ortiz, Jr.
Brown of Kaufman	Hartnett	Otto
Brown of Brazos	Heflin	Parker
Burnam	Hernandez	Patrick
Button	Herrero	Paxton
Callegari	Hilderbran	Pena
Castro	Hochberg	Phillips
Chavez	Hodge	Pickett
Chisum	Homer	Pierson
Christian	Hopson	Pitts
Cohen	Howard of Fort Bend	Quintanilla
Coleman	Howard of Travis	Raymond
Cook	Hughes	Riddle
Corte	Hunter	Rios Ybarra
Crabb	Isett	Ritter
Craddick	Jackson	Rodriguez
Creighton	Jones	Rose
Crownover	Keffer	Sheffield
Darby	Kent	Shelton
Davis of Harris	King of Parker	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Dallas	King of Taylor	Smith of Harris
Deshotel	King of Zavala	Smithee
Driver	Kleinschmidt	Solomons
Dukes	Kolkhorst	Strama
Dunnam	Kuempel	Swinford
Dutton	Laubenberg	Taylor
Edwards	Legler	Thibaut
Eiland	Leibowitz	Thompson
Eissler	Lewis	Truitt
Elkins	Lucio III	Turner of Tarrant
England	Madden	Turner of Harris
Farabee	Maldonado	Vaught
Farias	Mallory Caraway	Veasey
Farrar	Marquez	Villarreal
Fletcher	Martinez	Vo
Flores	Martinez Fischer	Walle
Flynn	McCall	Weber
Frost	McClendon	Woolley
Gallego	McReynolds	Zerwas

H.R. No. 281

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 281 was adopted by the House on
February 17, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House