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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.