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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Wildcatter Ranch Resort and Spa in Graham joined
2 with the Wounded Warrior Project in February 2009 to host a retreat
3 for veterans; and

4 WHEREAS, Founded in 2007, the Wounded Warrior Project is a
5 nonprofit organization that assists members of the military who
6 have been severely injured while serving their country; through its
7 Project Odyssey program, the organization sponsors retreats that
8 offer therapeutic recreational experiences in a healing natural
9 environment; counselors provide private and group counseling
10 during the program and help veterans learn coping skills to manage
11 posttraumatic stress disorder, which affects many of those
12 returning from combat in Iraq and Afghanistan; and

13 WHEREAS, Wildcatter Ranch closed to the public for a week in
14 order to welcome 15 veterans who struggle with PTSD and other
15 challenges; while in Graham, these individuals enjoyed such
16 activities as horseback riding, canoeing, fishing, and a lesson in
17 bull riding; in addition, they were welcomed by students at
18 Woodland Elementary School and took part in a traditional healing
19 ritual performed by members of the Eastern Shoshone Nation; over
20 the course of their stay at this award-winning resort, participants
21 in Project Odyssey were able to benefit from the support and
22 camaraderie of fellow veterans who share their issues and concerns;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, The February 2009 Project Odyssey retreat was the

1 second such event at Wildcatter Ranch, and the proprietors and
2 staff have shown admirable generosity and appreciation to those who
3 have made enormous sacrifices for our country; now, therefore, be
4 it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
6 Legislature hereby commend the owners and staff of Wildcatter Ranch
7 Resort and Spa for hosting the Wounded Warrior Project Odyssey
8 retreat and extend to them sincere best wishes for continued
9 success; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for Wildcatter Ranch as an expression of high regard by the
12 Texas House of Representatives.