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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Citizens of Irving are joining together on May 17,  
2 2009, to dedicate the newly completed Irving Veterans Memorial  
3 Park, which honors those Irving residents who gave their lives in  
4 the service of their country; and

5           WHEREAS, The park was first conceived in 1997 by the Irving  
6 Veterans Memorial Park Committee, led by former city councilman Bob  
7 Romano; the committee and the Irving City Council authorized the  
8 MESA Design Group to design the park, which is situated on two acres  
9 of land in the city's Civic Center complex; and

10           WHEREAS, The first phase of the project was dedicated in 2004  
11 and included the Wall of Commemoration, which features the names of  
12 80 Irving veterans who died fighting for their country, and the  
13 Plaza of Flags, where nine flags fly, representing the United  
14 States, the State of Texas, the City of Irving, MIAs and POWs, and  
15 the five branches of the military; and

16           WHEREAS, Under the leadership of John Danish, who has served  
17 as chair of the Veterans Memorial Park Committee since 2004, the  
18 newly completed second phase of the park includes the Pool of Hope,  
19 the Perpetual River of Freedom, and the Plaza of the World, which is  
20 paved with a granite map of the world with bronze medallions showing  
21 the areas of conflict where U.S. military personnel have served  
22 since Irving was founded in 1903; and

23           WHEREAS, The plaza also features five granite story panels,  
24 one for each major conflict since World War I, telling how members

1 of the military from Irving contributed to each war effort; in front  
2 of each panel a sculpture depicts a soldier in the uniform of that  
3 conflict; the completed memorial park will also house a time  
4 capsule, which will be sealed in the wall until Memorial Day 2109;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Texans owe a profound debt of gratitude to those men  
7 and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in the service of their  
8 country, and this serene and respectful memorial will pay fitting  
9 tribute to their bravery and heroism for years to come; now,  
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
12 Legislature hereby congratulate the people and the City of Irving  
13 on the completion of the Irving Veterans Memorial Park and  
14 commemorate the continuing service and sacrifice of Irving's  
15 military personnel through the years.