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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, On Memorial Day 2009, area residents are gathering
2 at the Georgetown--Williamson County Veterans Memorial in Sun City
3 to solemnly honor all the men and women who have served, or who are
4 presently serving, in the United States Armed Forces; and

5 WHEREAS, The toll of war has been a heavy one: altogether,
6 more than a half-million U.S. military personnel have died in
7 battle, and approximately 1.5 million have been wounded; thousands
8 more have endured extreme privation as prisoners of war, and still
9 other thousands have been accounted as missing in action; and

10 WHEREAS, In communities across the country, citizens have
11 erected monuments as a tangible tribute to those who have dared all
12 in defiance of tyranny and in their country's defense; the majestic
13 memorial plaza in Sun City recognizes those who have served in the
14 nation's armed forces and honors the nearly 170 service members
15 from Williamson County who have given their lives in combat from
16 World War I to the present; and

17 WHEREAS, This year, the memorial tablets listing those killed
18 in action bear two new names, those of U.S. Army Specialist Matthew
19 T. Morris of Cedar Park and U.S. Marine First Lieutenant Matthew R.
20 Vandegrift, a graduate of Leander High School; both of these
21 outstanding young men were mortally wounded while conducting
22 operations in Iraq; and

23 WHEREAS, With U.S. troops today engaged in difficult
24 operations overseas, endeavoring to secure peace and stability in

1 dangerous environments, Memorial Day ceremonies resonate with
2 fresh meaning for American citizens, and it is a privilege to join
3 with the residents of Williamson County in paying homage to the
4 immeasurable courage, commitment, and sacrifice of this country's
5 military personnel; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
7 Legislature hereby commemorate the 2009 Memorial Day observance
8 sponsored by the Sun City Texas Community Association and extend to
9 all those associated with that special event sincere appreciation
10 for their strong support of this country's servicemen and
11 servicewomen; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for the Sun City Texas Community Association as an
14 expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.