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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, U.S. Highway 83, which stretches from the state's
2 southernmost tip in Brownsville to the Oklahoma state line, was
3 designated the Texas Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway in 1983; and

4 WHEREAS, This enduring tribute to those who proudly served
5 the nation in the Vietnam War was the result of the hard work and
6 commitment of a number of dedicated individuals, including State
7 Representative Ernestine Glossbrenner of Alice, Senator Carlos
8 Truan of Corpus Christi, and, at the grass-roots level, Melecio
9 Ortiz of American Legion Post 396 in Crystal City; and

10 WHEREAS, Each year the sacrifices and service of these
11 veterans is further acknowledged when the highway serves as the
12 site of the Texas Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway Motorcycle Run;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Also known as the Welcome Home Run, the event was
15 established in 2003 to honor Texas Vietnam War veterans and to give
16 them the appropriate welcome home they deserved on their return
17 many years ago; the four-day event has grown through the years, and
18 more than 80 motorcyclists participated in 2009; and

19 WHEREAS, Brave and steadfast during one of the most difficult
20 wars in this nation's history, Vietnam veterans are worthy of
21 Americans' deepest respect and gratitude, and the annual Welcome
22 Home Run offers participants an opportunity to demonstrate their
23 continuing appreciation and admiration; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas

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1 Legislature hereby recognize the Texas Vietnam Veterans Memorial
2 Highway Motorcycle Run and extend to all those associated with the
3 event sincere best wishes for continued success.