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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, It is an honor for the Legislature of the State of 3 Texas to pay tribute to the City of Ipswich, Queensland, Australia, 4 on the occasion of the 40th-Anniversary Memorial Service the city 5 is hosting for the crew of the USS *Frank E. Evans*; and

6 WHEREAS, The memorial service is taking place on June 3, 7 2009, and is being held in remembrance of the 74 United States 8 sailors who lost their lives in the catastrophic collision of the 9 USS Frank E. Evans and the HMAS Melbourne on June 3, 1969; and

10 WHEREAS, The destroyer USS *Frank E. Evans* was built in 1944 11 and had a gallant service record that included participation in 12 World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War; its collision 13 with the HMAS *Melbourne* occurred in the dark of the morning in the 14 South China Sea off the coast of Vietnam during a multinational show 15 of force to the Viet Cong; and

WHEREAS, The USS Frank E. Evans Association, Incorporated, is 16 17 based in Granbury, Texas, and consists of former sailors, friends, 18 and families who have bonded together to remember past shipmates and honor their service to our nation; the association is actively 19 engaged in an ongoing effort to pay tribute to those who were aboard 20 the USS Frank E. Evans, as the names of the crew have not been placed 21 22 on the Vietnam Wall due to the accident's location; this year, the association is privileged to be hosted by Ipswich for 23 its 24 40th-Anniversary Memorial Service in remembrance of the lost

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1 sailors; and

2 WHEREAS, For more than two centuries, the navies of the 3 United States and Australia have served their countries and have 4 battled to preserve the liberties their citizens hold dear, and it 5 is fitting to honor those aboard the USS *Frank E. Evans* who gave 6 their lives while carrying out a wartime multinational show of 7 support on behalf of their country and its ideals; now, therefore, 8 be it

9 RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas 10 hereby extend gratitude to the City of Ipswich for hosting a 11 40th-Anniversary Memorial Service in honor of the crew of the USS 12 Frank E. Evans and join with its citizens in remembering all who 13 have fallen in the defense of freedom; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared as an expression of appreciation to the City of Ipswich from the Texas Legislature.

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President of the Senate Speaker of the House I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 26 was adopted by the Senate on February 23, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 26 was adopted by the House on February 25, 2009.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor