

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 42

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Blinded Veterans Association Rio Grande Regional Group for its commitment to supporting our nation's veterans in the Paso del Norte region; and

WHEREAS, The national Blinded Veterans Association was founded in 1945 to provide support for World War II veterans blinded in that conflict; and

WHEREAS, Since receiving a charter from the United States Congress in 1958, the Blinded Veterans Association has remained the only veterans' service organization exclusively dedicated to serving America's blind and visually impaired veterans; and

WHEREAS, The Blinded Veterans Association Rio Grande Regional Group was founded by Bill Case, a veteran of the Korean and Vietnam Wars; and

WHEREAS, The association has provided guidance, encouragement, and emotional support to blinded veterans through their rehabilitation process, and it acts as an advocate for blinded veterans and their families in the private and public sectors; and

WHEREAS, The association provides a venue through which blinded veterans may give mutual aid and assistance to one another, strengthening their spirit of fellowship; and

WHEREAS, The association's members provide role models for how the challenges of blindness can be successfully overcome and how blinded veterans can take their rightful place in the community in fostering the creation of a more peaceful world; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby commend the Blinded Veterans Association Rio Grande Regional Group for their commitment to supporting our nation's veterans in the Paso del Norte region; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the association as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Shapleigh

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on January 26, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate