

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1003

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas takes pride in joining citizens across America in observing our national holiday, Memorial Day, on Monday, May 25, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Memorial Day was originally called Decoration Day and was first observed on May 30, 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers; in 1968, Congress designated the last Monday in May as Memorial Day; and

WHEREAS, On Memorial Day, we pay homage to those who lost their lives fighting for our nation, for it is due to their courage and sacrifice that today our nation is free and prosperous; and

WHEREAS, This special day is an opportunity for Americans everywhere to express their heartfelt gratitude to the United States veterans, both living and dead, for the valor and dedication they have shown on behalf of our beloved country; today, there are over 1.5 million veterans living in Texas and deserving of our praise; and

WHEREAS, Those who died for their country in World War I, World War II, the Korean Conflict, the Vietnam War, the Gulf War, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and other conflicts have left behind legacies of courage and devotion for generations of American citizens, as well as memories that will be treasured forever in the hearts and minds of all who knew them; and

WHEREAS, It is a grateful nation today that reflects upon our American heritage and recognizes the extreme sacrifices made by all who serve in the armed forces; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby express appreciation to all the brave men and women who have served our great country and honor the memory of those who died on its behalf; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of all who sacrificed their lives to protect our nation.

Van de Putte

Averitt	Harris	Seliger
Carona	Hegar	Shapiro
Davis	Hinojosa	Shapleigh
Deuell	Huffman	Uresti
Duncan	Jackson	Watson
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Gallegos	Patrick	Zaffirini

Dewhurst, President of the Senate

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 25, 2009, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate