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H.C.R. No. 123

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Vietnam Veterans Memorial honors the men and
2 women of the armed forces of the United States who served in the
3 Vietnam War; engraved are the names of 58,267 individuals,
4 including 3,416 from Texas, who gave their lives or who remain
5 missing, listed in the order they were taken from us; and

6 WHEREAS, The United States Congress authorized the building
7 of a new underground education center across from the memorial,
8 which is also known as "The Wall," to continue the process of
9 remembrance, healing, and honoring those who served and died in one
10 of the longest wars in the nation's history; and

11 WHEREAS, A joint effort of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund
12 and the National Park Service, The Education Center at The Wall will
13 allow visitors to connect a face and a personal story to the names
14 on The Wall; it will also include an exhibit with images of those
15 who have served in other wars, an artifacts collection showcasing
16 some of the more than 150,000 items left in tribute at The Wall, and
17 a timeline of the Vietnam War; and

18 WHEREAS, The education center will celebrate the values of
19 duty, loyalty, respect, service, honor, courage, and integrity that
20 are embodied by American service members and will serve as a
21 repository for stories that must be preserved and shared with
22 future generations; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the 82nd Legislature of the State of Texas
24 hereby honor the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund and the National

1 Park Service for their collaboration on The Education Center at The
2 Wall and commend them for their efforts to bring this important
3 project to fruition; and, be it further

4 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
5 prepared for organizers of The Education Center at The Wall as an
6 expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives and
7 Senate.