## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Grace After Fire provides an exceptional network of 2 support for women who served in the United States military, and this noteworthy organization deserves special recognition for 3 positive impact it has made in the lives of these veterans; and 4 5 WHEREAS, Recognizing that female service members often face unique challenges as they transition from the military back to 6 civilian life, founder Stephanie Moles established Grace After Fire 7 in 2002 to provide an online outreach service for all women veterans 8 9 and their families; today, the organization is managed primarily by women who have served in the armed forces, and it draws on the 10 11 expertise of a clinical advisory committee and the dedicated work 12 of volunteers; and 13 WHEREAS, The assistance provided by Grace After Fire is 14 especially valuable given the increasing number of women serving in the military and their need for support resources, 15 16 soldiers may struggle with issues such as addiction and depression related to post-traumatic stress disorder and physical injuries 17 after they end their tours of duty; and 18 WHEREAS, Grace After Fire helps service members deal with 19 20 these problems by providing an online social network that is a safe, 21 confidential place to share experiences and solutions; funded by private donations and grants, the organization helps female 22 23 veterans gain access to mental health services, health care, peer support, and other resources, and its services are aiding numerous 24

- 1 former military personnel who have helped defend our nation; and
- 2 WHEREAS, All American citizens owe a profound debt of
- 3 gratitude to the present and former members of the United States
- 4 armed forces, and Grace After Fire is helping to ensure that the
- 5 brave women who have served our country receive the assistance and
- 6 support that they so richly deserve; now, therefore, be it
- 7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
- 8 Legislature hereby commend the members of the Grace After Fire
- 9 organization for their excellent work to help women veterans return
- 10 to civilian life and extend to all involved sincere best wishes for
- 11 the future; and, be it further
- 12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 13 prepared for the group as an expression of high regard by the Texas
- 14 House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 130 was adopted by the House on March 24, 2011, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House