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RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives of the State of Texas
- 2 is pleased to recognize the men and women who have so honorably
- 3 served in the armed forces of our great nation and joins with all
- 4 Texans in observing January 24, 2011, as Wounded Warrior Day at the
- 5 Texas State Capitol; and
- 6 WHEREAS, The members of the U.S. Army, Navy, Marine Corps,
- 7 and Air Force and their families have made extraordinary sacrifices
- 8 in behalf of our nation, both abroad and within our own borders; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Of the approximately 253,000 members of the United
- 10 States military who are currently deployed around the world, nearly
- 11 19,500 are from Texas, and of the more than 42,000 who have been
- 12 wounded in Operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, and New Dawn
- 13 since 2001, over 3,600 have been from Texas; and
- 14 WHEREAS, We are privileged to honor today the wounded
- 15 warriors who have returned from these conflicts, including Sergeant
- 16 Juan Carrion, Sergeant Chris Goebel, Staff Sergeant Richard Groff,
- 17 Staff Sergeant Frank Lamar, Private First Class Kevin Macari, and
- 18 Major John J. Ploch; and
- 19 WHEREAS, These veterans have bravely and selflessly served in
- 20 defense of our nation and its democratic ideals; with silent
- 21 dedication and unmatched grit, they have ensured our safety and
- 22 security, and it is indeed fitting that their fellow citizens pay
- 23 tribute to their courageous efforts; and
- 24 WHEREAS, Although these veterans come from many different

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- 1 communities and backgrounds, what divides them is much less than
- 2 what unites them--a deep and abiding love of their country; it was
- 3 for America and all Americans that they left their home and their
- 4 family and friends and put their lives at risk to guarantee the
- 5 continuation of those freedoms etched into the Declaration of
- 6 Independence and enshrined in our Constitution; and
- WHEREAS, In protecting these freedoms, the members of our
- 8 military have demonstrated exemplary bravery, professionalism, and
- 9 commitment to duty, and they are truly deserving of special praise;
- 10 now, therefore, be it
- 11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
- 12 Legislature hereby honor the wounded warriors of our nation for
- 13 their sacrifice, dedication, and patriotism and extend to these
- 14 valiant men and women the profound gratitude of all Texans.

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	Speaker of the House
I certify that H.R. No. 159 was	adopted by the House on January
24, 2011, by a non-record vote.	

Chief Clerk of the House