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R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

7 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.