

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Boot Campaign has made a positive difference in  
2 the lives of numerous United States active duty service members and  
3 veterans; and

4           WHEREAS, This charitable initiative was founded by Texas  
5 residents Ginger Giles, Leigh Ann Ranslem, Sherri Reuland, Mariae  
6 Bui, and Heather Fordham, who wanted to provide their fellow  
7 citizens with a means to show support for the military; the five  
8 women, who call themselves the "Boot Girls," were inspired to  
9 undertake the project after reading *Lone Survivor*, the nonfiction  
10 account of courageous Navy SEAL and Navy Cross honoree Marcus  
11 Luttrell; and

12           WHEREAS, The campaign originated as a promotion for a country  
13 music concert to benefit the Military Warriors Support Foundation,  
14 which offers employment, education, housing, and financial  
15 assistance to veterans; the musicians posed for photographs wearing  
16 combat boots to symbolize their solidarity with the troops, and the  
17 resulting images were recognized for their powerful message; and

18           WHEREAS, Adopting a national focus, the Boot Campaign soon  
19 partnered with a leading military boot manufacturer to sell combat  
20 boots to civilians, donating the proceeds to foundations that aid  
21 returning service members and their families; many politicians and  
22 celebrities have posed for photographs to promote the project,  
23 including Governor Rick Perry and members of the Houston Astros and  
24 Dallas Cowboys; and

1           WHEREAS, The Boot Campaign works with the Lone Survivor  
2 Foundation, helping to fund the construction of a veterans ranch  
3 that will feature rehabilitation and wellness facilities as well as  
4 programs for children and surviving families; money raised by the  
5 Boot Campaign also helps those suffering from post-traumatic stress  
6 disorder; and

7           WHEREAS, All American citizens owe a profound debt of  
8 gratitude to the present and former members of the United States  
9 armed forces, and the Boot Campaign is helping these brave men and  
10 women to receive the assistance and appreciation they so richly  
11 deserve; now, therefore, be it

12           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
13 Legislature hereby honor the Boot Campaign and its worthy efforts  
14 to encourage support for our active duty and returning service  
15 members; and, be it further

16           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
17 prepared for the organization as an expression of high regard by the  
18 Texas House of Representatives.

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Callegari	Hunter	Reynolds
Carter	Isaac	Riddle
Castro	Jackson	Ritter
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Coleman	King of Parker	Scott
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Dutton	Lozano	Thompson
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Elkins	Madden	Turner
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Farrar	Margo	Villarreal
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H.R. No. 175

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 175 was adopted by the House on January 25, 2011, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House