

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Patriot Guard Riders of South Texas is an  
2 organization committed to honoring United States military  
3 personnel and to paying special tribute to those who have given  
4 their lives in service to the country; and

5           WHEREAS, Affiliated with a national group that has more than  
6 200,000 members across the United States, the Patriot Guard Riders  
7 of South Texas includes both veterans and nonveterans and riders  
8 and nonriders, and its membership is open to individuals  
9 representing a variety of political opinions; what unites this  
10 diverse group of people is their unwavering respect for the armed  
11 forces and their desire to pay homage to America's fallen heroes;  
12 and

13           WHEREAS, The South Texas chapter of the PGR carries out its  
14 objectives in a number of ways, such as visiting veterans' homes and  
15 VA hospitals; participants also come together to send off  
16 servicemen and servicewomen who are departing for tours of duty and  
17 to welcome those who are returning home; and

18           WHEREAS, The Patriot Guard Riders formed to attend funerals  
19 and memorials for fallen military personnel as guests of the  
20 families who have lost their loved ones; through strictly  
21 nonviolent means, PGR members may also shield the attendees from  
22 interruptions to the services created by protestors; by supporting  
23 the mourning families, their friends, and their communities, this  
24 notable organization demonstrates a deep appreciation for those who

1 have fought to ensure the freedom and security of the nation; and

2 WHEREAS, Members of the Patriot Guard Riders of South Texas  
3 perform a noble function by honoring fallen soldiers and supporting  
4 military families, and the group's efforts are an important  
5 reminder that members of the armed forces deserve our utmost  
6 respect for their dedication and bravery; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
8 Legislature hereby commend the Patriot Guard Riders of South Texas  
9 for outstanding service in behalf of U.S. military personnel and  
10 their families and extend to all involved best wishes for continued  
11 success with their important work; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
13 prepared for the Patriot Guard Riders of South Texas as an  
14 expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 524

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 524 was adopted by the House on March 10, 2011, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House