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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The first ever Austin Navy Week is taking place  
2 March 19 through 26, 2011; and

3           WHEREAS, The Capitol City is one of 21 locations hosting Navy  
4 Week in 2011 as part of a national outreach effort intended to let  
5 officers and sailors speak to area residents about the navy's  
6 critical missions and capabilities and the wide variety of jobs  
7 navy servicemembers perform; the observance includes numerous  
8 events that demonstrate the proud heritage of this branch of the  
9 armed forces, and interested civilians have the chance to interact  
10 with and ask questions of those currently serving; and

11           WHEREAS, The spokespeople for Austin Navy Week include the  
12 Honorable Juan M. Garcia III, assistant secretary of the navy for  
13 manpower and reserve affairs, Vice Admiral Mark Skinner, and Rear  
14 Admiral Dan W. Davenport, along with sailors who have significant  
15 ties to the local area; and

16           WHEREAS, Among the special activities taking place during  
17 Navy Week is a stunning display of aerial acrobatics by the U.S.  
18 Navy Parachute Demonstration Team, also known as the "Leap Frogs";  
19 in addition, a number of navy band ensembles will perform, and the  
20 Navy Simulator will provide viewers with an exciting interactive  
21 introduction to naval operations; and

22           WHEREAS, Members of the crew of the famed USS *Constitution*  
23 are joining the Austin event as well; these accomplished sailors  
24 are presenting drill demonstrations and educational talks at area

1 schools and also contributing to local charitable projects; and

2       WHEREAS, All around the world, United States naval personnel  
3 are serving their fellow citizens with distinction, and Austin Navy  
4 Week provides a welcome opportunity to learn more about the vital  
5 role they play in our national defense; now, therefore, be it

6       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
7 Legislature hereby recognize March 19 through 26, 2011, as Austin  
8 Navy Week and extend to all those associated with the event a hearty  
9 welcome to the Lone Star State as well as sincere best wishes for  
10 fair winds and a following sea.