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H.R. No. 1582

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Members of the Lake Highlands Military Moms are  
2           deserving of special recognition for providing support to the  
3           military families living in the Lake Highlands area of Dallas and  
4           for honoring the men and women from the area who are serving in the  
5           U.S. armed forces; and

6           WHEREAS, The group was founded in 2006 by Rhonda Russell as a  
7           way to cope with the stress of her son's deployment to Iraq; after  
8           her son was sent overseas in 2005, Ms. Russell began contacting  
9           other mothers in the Lake Highlands area who had children fighting  
10          in Iraq and Afghanistan and who could relate to the difficulties of  
11          having a loved one serving in a war zone; this led to the first  
12          meeting of Military Moms, which drew six women; since then, the  
13          organization's membership has grown to include approximately 50  
14          women who meet monthly over dinner to share news, express their  
15          concerns, and celebrate happy occasions; and

16          WHEREAS, The group's projects include sending regular care  
17          packages overseas, keeping a record of all the military personnel  
18          from the area, and working to ensure that the community is informed  
19          of the service being rendered by those men and women; to achieve the  
20          latter goal, the organization partners with the Exchange Club of  
21          Lake Highlands to produce the annual Lake Highlands Heroes Poster,  
22          which features pictures and information about local men and women  
23          who are serving in the military and which is displayed throughout  
24          the community; the group also hosts speakers on issues such as

1 post-traumatic stress disorder, combat conditions, services for  
2 veterans, and other topics of particular concern to members of the  
3 military and their families; and

4 WHEREAS, All Americans owe a profound debt of gratitude to  
5 the men and women of the United States armed forces and their  
6 families for the immeasurable sacrifices they make in this  
7 country's behalf, and the Lake Highlands Military Moms is helping  
8 to ensure that they receive the assistance that they so richly  
9 deserve; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
11 Legislature hereby commend the Lake Highlands Military Moms for its  
12 exceptional work in behalf of area men and women serving in the U.S.  
13 armed forces and for its staunch support of Lake Highlands military  
14 families; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
16 prepared for the Lake Highlands Military Moms as an expression of  
17 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.