

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, On September 11, 2001, Osama bin Laden, a sworn
2 enemy of the United States of America, coordinated a series of
3 monstrous and cowardly terrorist attacks that resulted in the
4 tragic loss of 2,977 innocent lives, leading to an engagement in a
5 war on terrorism across many fronts; and

6 WHEREAS, On May 1, 2011, after nearly 10 years of bin Laden's
7 evasion of military and intelligence forces seeking his capture,
8 President Barack Obama declared to the nation and the world that bin
9 Laden had finally been killed, and that "Justice has been done.";
10 and

11 WHEREAS, The president's patience, leadership, wisdom, and
12 determination have led directly to the demise of the most wanted man
13 in the world and have hardened this nation's resolve to defeat the
14 forces of malevolent fanaticism, and by destroying the mastermind
15 behind the worst terrorist attack on American soil he has struck a
16 significant and historic blow against Al Qaeda; and

17 WHEREAS, Following the death of the perpetrator of the
18 attacks, the family members and friends of those who lost their
19 lives in the attacks on September 11 are able to achieve a greater
20 sense of closure; and

21 WHEREAS, After months of meetings of the National Security
22 Council, led by President Obama, who directed intelligence
23 officials to zero in on bin Laden's whereabouts, intelligence
24 officials devised and carefully carried out a clandestine

1 operation, which had frequently been rehearsed in an effort to
2 minimize casualties, both civilian and military; and

3 WHEREAS, As commander-in-chief of our great nation, he boldly
4 gave the final authorization to commence the operation to brave and
5 highly trained members of our nation's armed services; and

6 WHEREAS, Upon hearing the news of bin Laden's elimination, in
7 an impressive show of unity and in defiance of the fanatics who
8 still today seek to destroy our free way of life, jubilant citizens
9 expressed pride in our nation and our president by spontaneously
10 celebrating the news in cities across the country, singing "The
11 Star Spangled Banner" and loudly chanting "U-S-A," and former
12 presidents Bill Clinton and George W. Bush have offered him their
13 congratulations; and

14 WHEREAS, Domestically, he has acted with both initiative and
15 organizational acumen toward the precautionary defense of our
16 citizens and has successfully prevented a terrorist attack on
17 American soil during his service to our nation as president; and

18 WHEREAS, Internationally, he has wisely exercised the use of
19 diplomacy to nurture collaborative relationships with other
20 nations, which has helped improve the freedom and safety of the
21 world's people; and

22 WHEREAS, President George W. Bush had the near universal
23 support of the freedom-loving peoples and countries of the world
24 after the attacks on September 11, 2001, when he famously pledged to
25 defend freedom against fear, saying "We will not tire, we will not
26 falter, and we will not fail," and President Obama had the strength
27 and wherewithal to see that pledge through to fulfillment; and

1 WHEREAS, Legislators in Texas reaffirm the solemn creed that
2 we are one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice
3 for all, who stand strongly behind the president with respect to
4 these several issues as he confronts the grave problems of national
5 and international security; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd
7 Legislature of the State of Texas hereby congratulate President
8 Obama on his proven and successful policies in the war on terrorism
9 and in homeland security; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd
11 Legislature of the State of Texas hereby commend the intelligence
12 personnel who diligently and quietly toiled for years to uncover
13 the whereabouts of bin Laden and whose achievement, while historic,
14 may never be fully known to the public; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd
16 Legislature of the State of Texas hereby commend the members of the
17 armed forces who successfully and heroically carried out an
18 incredibly sensitive mission with no military losses and with a
19 minimal loss of civilian lives; and, be it further

1 RESOLVED, That the chief clerk of the Texas House of
2 Representatives forward official copies of this resolution to the
3 president of the United States, to the speaker of the House of
4 Representatives and the president of the Senate of the United
5 States Congress, to the governor of Texas, and to all the members of
6 the Texas delegation to Congress with the request that this
7 resolution be officially entered in the Congressional Record as a
8 memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.

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Martinez	Miles
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Sheffield	Taylor of Galveston
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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1694 was adopted by the House on May 2, 2011, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House