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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;

6 WHEREAS, On May 1, 2011, after nearly ten 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 WHEREAS, The president's patience, leadership, wisdom, and
11 determination have led directly to the demise of the most wanted man
12 in the world, and have hardened this nation's resolve to defeat the
13 forces of malevolent fanaticism, and by destroying the mastermind
14 behind the worst terrorist attack on American soil he has struck a
15 significant and historic blow against Al Qaeda;

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

20 WHEREAS, After months of meetings of the National Security
21 Council, led by President Obama who directed intelligence officials
22 to zero in on bin Laden's whereabouts, intelligence officials
23 devised and carefully carried out a clandestine operation, which
24 had frequently been rehearsed in an effort to minimize casualties,

1 both civilian and military;

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

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

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

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

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

27 WHEREAS, Legislators in Texas reaffirm the solemn creed that

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

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

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

14 RESOLVED, That the 82nd Legislature of the State of Texas
15 hereby commends the members of the armed forces who successfully
16 and heroically carried out an incredibly sensitive mission with no
17 military losses and with a minimal loss of civilian lives;

18 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official
19 copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to
20 the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the
21 senate of the United States Congress, to the governor of Texas, and
22 to all the members of the Texas delegation to the congress with the
23 request that this resolution be officially entered in the
24 Congressional Record as a memorial to the Congress of the United
25 States of America.