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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, May 1, 2011, will stand as an unforgettable
2 milestone in the global fight against terrorism, for on that day
3 Osama bin Laden was brought to justice when he was killed by an
4 assault team made up of special forces of the United States
5 military; citizens of Kerr County are honoring this momentous event
6 with a "God Bless America" rally on May 6, 2011, to show their
7 patriotism and loyalty to the country, allegiance to God, and deep
8 gratitude to members of the U.S. military for their service each and
9 every day; and

10 WHEREAS, In the culmination of a carefully planned operation,
11 commandos stormed the home in the city of Abbottabad, Pakistan,
12 where bin Laden and his accomplices had been hiding; an intense gun
13 battle ensued when the terrorists resisted apprehension, and bin
14 Laden was killed in the firefight; and

15 WHEREAS, This historic event, in which no Americans were
16 harmed, finally defeated the mastermind of the 9/11 terrorist
17 attacks that resulted in the deaths of nearly 3,000 innocent
18 people; the achievement ends a decade-long search for bin Laden and
19 provides a well-deserved sense of closure for all Americans; it is
20 no doubt a particularly poignant moment for the loved ones of those
21 who perished on September 11, 2001, and our thoughts go out to them
22 as they reflect on the meaning of this long-anticipated day; also
23 joining in relief at this breaking news are citizens the world over
24 who likewise have suffered at the hands of Al Qaeda and its leader;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, Though the identities of many of the key players
3 involved in the dangerous mission are not yet known, all are
4 deserving of praise for their actions, particularly the members of
5 the navy's elite SEAL Team Six that carried out the assault on bin
6 Laden's compound; and

7 WHEREAS, Following the breaking news, Congressman Pete King
8 of New York, chair of the House Homeland Security Committee, said in
9 an interview, "In 2001, President Bush said 'we will not tire, we
10 will not falter, and we will not fail.' President Bush deserves
11 great credit for putting action behind those words. President
12 Obama deserves equal credit for his resolve in this long war against
13 Al Qaeda."; and

14 WHEREAS, While our nation's fight against those who
15 perpetuate terror is far from over, the operation against Osama bin
16 Laden is a monumental step forward in that effort and one that the
17 citizens of the United States of America will never forget; now,
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
20 Legislature hereby commemorate the Kerr County "God Bless America"
21 rally, honor members of the U.S. military and CIA and others
22 responsible for bringing Osama bin Laden to justice, and extend to
23 the families and friends of those who were killed on 9/11 our
24 continued heartfelt support.