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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, America's veterans hold a revered place in the
2 hearts of their fellow citizens, and on Memorial Day 2011, the
3 people of Terrell are dedicating a memorial to all those from their
4 community who have served in the nation's armed forces; and

5 WHEREAS, Support for this project has come from every quarter
6 of the city; the Terrell Marine Corps League initiated and led the
7 development of the memorial, and league members have also done much
8 of the actual construction; the City of Terrell set aside land for
9 the memorial in City Park, and private citizens, local businesses,
10 churches, civic organizations, and veterans groups have been
11 generous in their contributions of funds and services; and

12 WHEREAS, This imposing monument consists of a 20-foot wall
13 bearing the names of all the known Terrell citizens who have died in
14 this nation's wars from World War I to the present day; in addition,
15 bricks inscribed with the names of men and women who have served in
16 the military or who are currently serving on active duty have been
17 laid around the flagpole and on the walkway to honor the
18 contributions of these notable patriots; and

19 WHEREAS, Memorialized on the wall, so that the magnitude of
20 their devotion and sacrifice might never be forgotten, are 48
21 courageous Texans; five of these have been lost in just the past
22 decade, in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan; they are U.S. Army
23 Sergeant Gerardo Moreno, U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Sean Brady Berry,
24 U.S. Army Specialist Jonathan "J. D." Emard, U.S. Army Staff

1 Sergeant Shawn H. McNabb, and U.S. Army Specialist Joseph Michael
2 Lewis; and

3 WHEREAS, To all those honored by the Terrell Veterans
4 Memorial, Americans owe a debt that is beyond measure, and it is
5 indeed fitting that this striking monument be installed to preserve
6 and perpetuate their memory; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
8 Legislature hereby commemorate the dedication of the Terrell
9 Veterans Memorial and express profound gratitude to the brave and
10 steadfast individuals whose names are recorded there for the ages;
11 and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That official copies of this resolution be prepared
13 for the Terrell Marine Corps League and the City of Terrell as an
14 expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.