

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 87**

**WHEREAS**, The Boot Campaign has made a positive difference in the lives of numerous United States active duty service members and veterans; and

**WHEREAS**, This charitable initiative was founded by Texas residents Ginger Giles, Leigh Ann Ranslem, Sherri Reuland, Mariae Bui, and Heather Fordham, who wanted to provide their fellow citizens with a means to show support for the military; the five women, who call themselves the "Boot Girls," were inspired to undertake the project after reading *Lone Survivor*, the nonfiction account of courageous Navy SEAL and Navy Cross honoree Marcus Luttrell; and

**WHEREAS**, The campaign originated as a promotion for a country music concert to benefit the Military Warriors Support Foundation, which offers employment, education, housing, and financial assistance to veterans; the musicians posed for photographs wearing combat boots to symbolize their solidarity with the troops, and the resulting images were recognized for their powerful message; and

**WHEREAS**, Adopting a national focus, the Boot Campaign soon partnered with a leading military boot manufacturer to sell combat boots to civilians, donating the proceeds to foundations that aid returning service members and their families; many politicians and celebrities have posed for photographs to promote the project, including Governor Rick Perry and members of the Houston Astros and Dallas Cowboys; and

**WHEREAS**, The Boot Campaign works with the Lone Survivor Foundation, helping to fund the construction of a veterans ranch

that will feature rehabilitation and wellness facilities as well as programs for children and surviving families; money raised by the Boot Campaign also helps those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder; and

**WHEREAS,** All American citizens owe a profound debt of gratitude to the present and former members of the United States armed forces, and the Boot Campaign is helping these brave men and women to receive the assistance and appreciation they so richly deserve; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby honor the Boot Campaign and its worthy efforts to encourage support for our active duty and returning service members; and, be it further

**RESOLVED,** That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for the organization as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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Birdwell	Harris	Seliger
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Duncan	Jackson	Watson
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Gallegos	Rodriguez	Zaffirini

Dewhurst, President of the Senate

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on January 25, 2011.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate