

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1211**

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas joins citizens across America in recognizing Monday, May 30, 2011, as Memorial Day and takes pride in gathering today, May 28, in honor of this national holiday; and

**WHEREAS**, Memorial Day was originally called Decoration Day and was first observed on May 30, 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers; in 1968, Congress designated the last Monday in May as Memorial Day; and

**WHEREAS**, On Memorial Day, we pay homage to those who lost their lives fighting for our nation, for it is due to their courage and sacrifice that today our nation is free and prosperous; and

**WHEREAS**, This special day is an opportunity for Americans everywhere to express their heartfelt gratitude to United States veterans, both living and dead, for the valor and dedication they have shown on behalf of our beloved country; there are over 1.8 million veterans living in Texas and deserving of our praise; and

**WHEREAS**, Those who died for their country in World War I, World War II, the Korean Conflict, the Vietnam War, the Gulf War, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, and other conflicts have left behind legacies of courage and devotion for generations of American citizens, as well as memories that will be treasured forever in the hearts and minds of all who knew them; and

**WHEREAS**, The Global War on Terror is the longest sustained United States military operation since the Vietnam War and has

claimed the lives of nearly 6,000 American service members, including 548 Texans; today, we especially want to honor those brave fallen soldiers and the courageous families they left behind; and

**WHEREAS,** It is a grateful nation that reflects upon our American heritage and recognizes the extreme sacrifices made by all who serve in the armed forces; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby express appreciation to all the brave men and women who have served our great country and honor the memory of those who died on its behalf; and, be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of all who sacrificed their lives to protect our nation.

Van de Putte

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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 May 26, 2011.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate