

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 5

**WHEREAS,** The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the West Veterans Honor Guard; and

**WHEREAS,** This exemplary association was founded in 1990 as the VFW Honor Guard by members of West Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4819 under the leadership of Harry Lee Hykel and post commander Frank Podsednik; they were soon joined by members of the American Legion, and the organization became known as the West Veterans Honor Guard; and

**WHEREAS,** These dedicated patriots have generously committed their time and their talent to provide traditional graveside military honors to deceased veterans; their services include flag-folding and presentation, the playing of "Taps," a rifle detail, and a color guard; since its inception, the group has provided these tributes at more than 430 funerals for those who served; and

**WHEREAS,** The West Veterans Honor Guard also appears at a variety of public events across Central Texas, including the Westfest Labor Day parade, where its members provide a color guard and a display of service flags; and

**WHEREAS,** This exceptional organization is truly deserving of recognition for its patriotism and its dedication to service; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby commend the members of the West Veterans Honor Guard on their many contributions to the community and extend to them best wishes for continued success in their honorable endeavors; and, be it further

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

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the  
above Resolution was adopted by  
the Senate on August 5, 2013.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate