

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, For well over a century, Americans have set aside a  
2 time to honor those members of its military forces who have died in  
3 this country's service; and

4           WHEREAS, Originally called Decoration Day, this special  
5 remembrance was first observed in 1868, when flowers were placed on  
6 the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers, and by the end of the  
7 19th century, Memorial Day ceremonies were being held on May 30  
8 throughout the nation; in 1971, Congress designated the last Monday  
9 in May as Memorial Day; and

10           WHEREAS, Legions of Americans have stepped forward to serve  
11 their country in times of conflict, and more than a million have  
12 made the ultimate sacrifice; they "gave the last full measure of  
13 devotion" on their native soil, in foreign lands, and on seas around  
14 the world, and on this Memorial Day, as Texans pause to remember, we  
15 commemorate with fresh sorrow all Texans who have been killed in  
16 combat; and

17           WHEREAS, The longest sustained U.S. military operation in  
18 history, the Global War on Terrorism has claimed the lives of more  
19 than 6,600 American service members, including over 580 Texans;  
20 today we expressly want to pay homage to those brave fallen soldiers  
21 and the families they left behind; and

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

1           RESOLVED by the 83rd Texas Legislature, That the Senate and  
2 House of Representatives of the State of Texas meet in a joint  
3 memorial session in the Hall of the House of Representatives on  
4 Saturday, May 25, 2013, at 10 a.m., for the Fallen Heroes Memorial  
5 Service to pay tribute to all who have died in the service of this  
6 country and to honor especially the Texans killed while serving in  
7 the Global War on Terrorism; and, be it further

8           RESOLVED, That the Honorable Rick Perry, Governor of Texas,  
9 all Texas state officials, and the family members of those killed in  
10 the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan be, and hereby are, invited to  
11 attend the joint memorial session; and, be it further

12           RESOLVED, That the 83rd Legislature of the State of Texas  
13 hereby commemorate Memorial Day 2013 and express deep appreciation  
14 to all the men and women who have served our great country.

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Bonnen of Galveston	Howard	Price
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Burkett	Hughes	Ratliff
Burnam	Hunter	Raymond
Button	Isaac	Reynolds
Callegari	Johnson	Riddle
Canales	Kacal	Ritter
Capriglione	Keffer	Rodriguez of Bexar
Carter	King of Hemphill	Rodriguez of Travis
Clardy	King of Parker	Rose
Coleman	King of Taylor	Sanford
Collier	King of Zavala	Schaefer
Cook	Kleinschmidt	Sheets
Cortez	Klick	Sheffield of Bell
Craddick	Kolkhorst	Sheffield of Coryell
Creighton	Krause	Simmons
Crownover	Kuempel	Simpson
Dale	Larson	Smith
Darby	Laubenberg	Smithee
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Deshotel	Longoria	Strama
Dukes	Lozano	Taylor
Dutton	Lucio III	Thompson of Brazoria
Eiland	Marquez	Thompson of Harris
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Fallon	Martinez Fischer	Turner of Collin
Farias	McClendon	Turner of Harris
Farney	Menendez	Turner of Tarrant
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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 209 was adopted by the House on May 24, 2013, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 209 was adopted by the Senate on May 24, 2013, by a viva-voce vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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