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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Gainesville has been recognized by Rand McNally and
2 *USA Today* as the most patriotic city in America; and

3 WHEREAS, Participating in a highly competitive process,
4 Gainesville was chosen from among 700 cities seeking recognition in
5 the Best of the Road contest; one of six finalists in the most
6 patriotic category, it won the title after Best of the Road judges
7 visited the cities, observed the respect that Gainesville residents
8 show for this nation in their everyday lives, witnessed the town's
9 amazing parade honoring veterans, and appreciated the downtown
10 displays of red, white, and blue; and

11 WHEREAS, Gainesville has a deep connection with the military
12 that dates back to World War II, when the United States Army chose
13 it as the location for Camp Howze; named after Medal of Honor
14 recipient Robert Lee Howze, the camp trained infantry soldiers
15 essential to the war effort and provided job opportunities for the
16 local population; and

17 WHEREAS, Patriotism has remained an integral part of life in
18 Gainesville since that time; the Medal of Honor Park at its entrance
19 welcomes all past and present service members into the city, and
20 every year, residents fund visits by Congressional Medal of Honor
21 recipients from around the country; and

22 WHEREAS, By honoring those who have made immeasurable
23 sacrifices for the safety and security of our nation, the city of
24 Gainesville and its residents set an inspiring example for this

1 state and nation, and all involved in fostering this culture of
2 patriotism are indeed deserving of special tribute; now, therefore,
3 be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
5 Legislature hereby congratulate Gainesville on its selection by
6 Rand McNally and *USA Today* as the most patriotic city in America;
7 and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for the city of Gainesville as an expression of high regard
10 by the Texas House of Representatives.