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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Since our nation was attacked on September 11, 2001,  
2 courageous fire and rescue workers, military personnel, and law  
3 enforcement officers have dedicated themselves to safeguarding our  
4 families, our liberty, and our future; sadly, some suffer  
5 debilitating injuries and illnesses due to the nature of their  
6 extraordinary service; and

7           WHEREAS, The Operation American Heroes Foundation provides  
8 financial assistance for nonprofit organizations that deliver  
9 physical and emotional support to first responders, former and  
10 current military personnel, and others who perform vital work in  
11 behalf of the public; founded by Houston businessman and Vietnam  
12 War veteran John Carloss, the foundation raises funds to benefit  
13 such groups as the PTSD Foundation, the Wounded Warrior Project,  
14 Disabled American Veterans, and the USO; and

15           WHEREAS, Each year in conjunction with the September 11  
16 anniversary, the foundation sponsors American Heroes Week, during  
17 which businesses can donate a percentage of their profits to aid  
18 this worthwhile cause; in addition, the event serves as a means of  
19 encouraging individuals to join the 21 Gun Salute Project by making  
20 an annual pledge; this support is then distributed nationally,  
21 helping to ensure that the recipient organizations can continue  
22 performing their important work; and

23           WHEREAS, Citizens of our state and nation owe an eternal debt  
24 of gratitude to the brave men and women who defend our country

1 abroad and our safety at home, and this outstanding event provides  
2 an opportunity to recognize their valiant service and to assist  
3 those heroes who need a helping hand; now, therefore, be it

4       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
5 Legislature hereby recognize September 8 through 14, 2013, as  
6 American Heroes Week in Texas and express profound gratitude to  
7 these dedicated patriots for their service; and, be it further

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