

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Each year, Gainesville hosts the nation's Medal of
2 Honor recipients in an event designed to recognize and thank those
3 courageous Americans who have served so valiantly in the United
4 States armed forces; and

5 WHEREAS, Established in 2001 with a goal of providing local
6 residents a personal connection with American history, the
7 military, and veterans, Gainesville's Medal of Honor Host City
8 Program pays tribute to those who have achieved the highest
9 military distinction in the country; Gainesville citizens join
10 together to fund the travel costs and expenses and to welcome their
11 guests during several days of events; and

12 WHEREAS, This program provides a unique opportunity for
13 Gainesville residents of all ages to meet and talk to national
14 heroes and to draw inspiration from their motivating acts of
15 patriotism; the only such event of its kind in the nation, the Medal
16 of Honor Host City Program encourages people to come back to
17 Gainesville year after year and continues to grow as new medal
18 recipients are invited; because of this and other displays of
19 national pride, *USA Today* and Rand McNally recognized Gainesville
20 as the most patriotic small town in the United States; and

21 WHEREAS, From April 10 to April 13, 2013, Gainesville
22 residents are again volunteering their time and resources to
23 demonstrate their deep appreciation for those brave service members
24 who have gone above and beyond the call of duty, and this excellent

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1 example of patriotism is truly deserving of the highest praise;
2 now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
4 Legislature hereby commend Gainesville on its outstanding Medal of
5 Honor Host City Program and extend to all those associated with the
6 program sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 787 was adopted by the House on March 19, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House