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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Joe Phipps received a certificate of appreciation 2 from Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter No. 4077 in Waco in 3 January 2013, in recognition of his service to area veterans; and

WHEREAS, The owner of Phipps Memorial, Mr. Phipps has managed 4 5 the company since 1991, when his father, who founded the business in 1939, passed away; today, he works with his son, Joe Phipps, Jr., 6 7 and his daughter, Donna, in the monument industry, serving McLennan and surrounding counties; under his leadership, the family-owned 8 9 company has garnered a number of awards for design and 10 knowledgeable service; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Phipps pays tribute to men and women who have 12 served in the military by donating monuments for veterans to 13 families who cannot afford them; in addition to providing the grave 14 marker, he arranges for its installation and for landscaping at the 15 site; Mr. Phipps also supports the Waco Veterans Administration 16 Medical Center and donates memorials in the military section of 17 Rosemound Cemetery; and

18 WHEREAS, The service and sacrifice of America's veterans must 19 never be forgotten, and Joe Phipps has gone above and beyond in 20 helping to ensure that former members of our military are 21 appropriately honored; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas 23 Legislature hereby commend Joe Phipps for his contributions in 24 behalf of veterans of our nation's armed forces and extend to him

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1 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

2 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 3 prepared for Mr. Phipps as an expression of high regard by the Texas 4 House of Representatives.