RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, On Memorial Day 2013, Hamilton-area residents are 2 paying tribute to this nation's military personnel at a ceremony 3 conducted by members of American Legion Cunningham Post 222; and WHEREAS, Originally called Decoration Day, Memorial Day is a 4 5 day of solemn remembrance dedicated to those who have died in our nation's service; the toll of war has indeed been a heavy one: more 6 7 than one million U.S. military personnel have died during wartime, and approximately 1.5 million have been wounded; thousands more 8 9 have endured extreme privation as prisoners of war, and still other 10 thousands have been listed as missing in action; and 11 WHEREAS, In communities across the country, monuments have 12 been erected in tribute to those who have risked all in defiance of tyranny and in defense of their country, and these memorials are the 13 14 physical representation of the gratitude that all Americans should carry in their hearts for these brave individuals; appropriately, 15 16 each Memorial Day, American Legion Post 222 members read the name of every soldier from Hamilton County who has died in the line of duty 17 from World War I to the present; volunteers also place American 18 flags on the graves of service members and along American Legion 19 20 Memorial Highway, U.S. 281; and 21 WHEREAS, With U.S. troops today engaged in difficult 22 operations overseas, endeavoring to secure peace and stability in a 23 dangerous environment, Memorial Day ceremonies once again resonate

with profound meaning, and it is a privilege to join in paying

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- 1 homage to the immeasurable courage, commitment, and sacrifice of
- 2 those who serve in the U.S. armed forces; now, therefore, be it
- 3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
- 4 Legislature hereby commemorate the Memorial Day service hosted by
- 5 American Legion Cunningham Post 222 and honor the memory of those
- 6 who have perished in service to their nation.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1671 was adopted by the House on May 1, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House