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R E S O L U T I O N

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

4           WHEREAS, Originally called Decoration Day, Memorial Day is a  
5 day of solemn remembrance dedicated to those who have died in our  
6 nation's service; the toll of war has indeed been a heavy one: more  
7 than one million U.S. military personnel have died during wartime,  
8 and approximately 1.5 million have been wounded; thousands more  
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  
13 tyranny and in defense of their country, and these memorials are the  
14 physical representation of the gratitude that all Americans should  
15 carry in their hearts for these brave individuals; appropriately,  
16 each Memorial Day, American Legion Post 222 members read the name of  
17 every soldier from Hamilton County who has died in the line of duty  
18 from World War I to the present; volunteers also place American  
19 flags on the graves of service members and along American Legion  
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  
24 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.