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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Urotrauma is an issue of growing concern to active  
2 military personnel and veterans of the armed forces; and

3           WHEREAS, Today, injuries to the genitourinary system  
4 constitute up to 10 percent of battlefield injuries, and such  
5 injuries are increasing in complexity as well as in number; trauma  
6 to the genitourinary organs is both physically and psychologically  
7 debilitating, and it can have a devastating impact on reproductive  
8 and other functions; and

9           WHEREAS, Although urotrauma profoundly affects many members  
10 and former members of the military, such injuries have not been  
11 adequately studied; there is a pressing need for greater education,  
12 awareness, and research and for a stronger focus on urotrauma in  
13 terms of policy and the health care delivery system; and

14           WHEREAS, Americans owe a profound debt of gratitude to their  
15 wounded warriors, and to ensure that those who have suffered  
16 urotrauma receive proper treatment, it is vital to undertake a  
17 comprehensive study encompassing the prevention, incidence,  
18 morbidity, and mortality as well as the social and economic  
19 implications of such injuries; now, therefore, be it

20           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
21 Legislature hereby respectfully urge the United States Congress to  
22 direct the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans  
23 Affairs to undertake a study of urotrauma among members of the  
24 military, evaluating and identifying the current abilities of the

1 departments to diagnose, prevent, and treat urotrauma and related  
2 infertility; in addition, the study should (1) analyze the  
3 incidence, duration, morbidity rate, and mortality rate of  
4 urotrauma, and (2) develop a long-term plan for the use and  
5 organization of federal resources to improve the diagnosis,  
6 prevention, and treatment of urotrauma among active duty members  
7 and veterans of the armed forces; and, be it further

8       RESOLVED, That the chief clerk forward official copies of  
9 this resolution to the president of the United States, to the  
10 president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of  
11 Representatives of the United States Congress, and to all the  
12 members of the Texas delegation to Congress with the request that  
13 this resolution be officially entered in the Congressional Record  
14 as a memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.