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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Watermelon Run for the Fallen 5K Walk/Run/Roll
2 is being held in Hempstead on August 17, 2013, in memory of those
3 Texans who gave their lives in Operation Iraqi Freedom and
4 Operation Enduring Freedom; and

5 WHEREAS, This annual event was inspired by the national Run
6 for the Fallen first held in 2008, when a team of runners ran from
7 Fort Irwin, California, to Arlington, Virginia, one mile for every
8 member of the U.S. armed forces who was killed in Iraq; and

9 WHEREAS, Hosted by the family and friends of U.S. Army Staff
10 Sergeant Jeffery Hartley, who died in Iraq in 2008, the 5K event in
11 Hempstead invites runners, walkers, and people in wheelchairs to
12 participate in the name of fallen heroes from the Lone Star State;
13 the event will also feature a military flyover, live music, and the
14 display of the Texas Fallen Heroes Memorial Wall; and

15 WHEREAS, Texans owe a profound debt of gratitude to the men
16 and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our freedom,
17 and the Watermelon Run for the Fallen represents a fine opportunity
18 for people of all ages to pay tribute to those brave warriors; now,
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
21 Legislature hereby commemorate the Watermelon Run for the Fallen in
22 Hempstead and extend to the run's organizers and participants
23 sincere best wishes for a meaningful and memorable event.