

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, America's military veterans hold a revered place in  
2 the history of this country and in the hearts of its people, and on  
3 Veterans Day, November 11, 2013, Texans across the state are  
4 gathering to pay grateful tribute to these selfless men and women;  
5 and

6           WHEREAS, Originally celebrated as Armistice Day, in  
7 recognition of the day the guns of World War I fell silent, Veterans  
8 Day now honors all who have performed military service in this  
9 country's behalf; their invincible spirit and dedication to duty,  
10 in wartime and in peacetime, are deserving of their fellow  
11 citizens' deepest appreciation and gratitude; and

12           WHEREAS, Service in the armed forces demands much of the men  
13 and women who undertake it, and the burdens assumed can be great; of  
14 the legions who have answered their country's call, more than one  
15 million have died during wartime, and approximately 1.5 million  
16 have been wounded; countless others have endured the privations and  
17 hardships of POW camps, and thousands still remain missing; those  
18 who have returned home from war have forever carried with them an  
19 indelible knowledge of loss and sacrifice; and

20           WHEREAS, To all these men and women, Americans owe a debt that  
21 the passage of time can never diminish; it is a debt that calls us to  
22 recognize their valiant service and to honor, in deeds as well as  
23 words, those high ideals that represent the very best of this  
24 nation's heritage; those ideals unite us as a people and continue to

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1 inspire hope around the world; now, therefore, be it

2           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
3 Legislature hereby commemorate Veterans Day 2013 and honor all of  
4 this country's veterans for their steadfast courage, commitment,  
5 and patriotism.

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Speaker of the House

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