

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 454**

**WHEREAS**, Members of the Matagorda County Cavalry are committed to honoring veterans, active duty military personnel, and first responders in their local communities; and

**WHEREAS**, The cavalry was founded in 2009, when a group of motorcyclists organized a ride to welcome home a soldier who had recently returned from Iraq; since then, the group has paid tribute to heroes in many ways, including escorting wounded soldiers to fishing tournaments and participating in motorcycle parades for the Matagorda County First Responders; and

**WHEREAS**, In July 2010, the organization escorted the traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall; named "The Parade They Never Had," the event paid tribute to those veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice in behalf of their country, and participants traveled from Rosenberg to East Bernard and finally to El Campo, where the wall was assembled; and

**WHEREAS**, Members of the Matagorda County Cavalry are carrying out a noble mission by recognizing veterans, members of the military, and first responders for their service and by supporting military families, and in so doing they are ensuring that these brave men and women receive the assistance and appreciation they so richly deserve; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby commend the members of the Matagorda County Cavalry for their worthy efforts and extend to all those involved sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for the organization as an expression of high regard by the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 13, 2013.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate