

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 877

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

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

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

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

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

Patrick

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 10, 2013.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate