

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The hardships of our nation's wars in Iraq and  
2 Afghanistan are borne not only by the military personnel who fight  
3 in the wars, but also by their loved ones, and the Gratitude  
4 Initiative, a Texas-based charity, works to aid these families; and

5           WHEREAS, Since the events of September 11, 2001, millions of  
6 active duty military, National Guard, and reserve unit troops have  
7 served in combat zones, and over three million family members,  
8 including more than one million children, have been left at home to  
9 deal with the deployment; parted from their mothers or fathers for  
10 months at a time, these children often find themselves struggling  
11 academically and may face emotional issues caused by the  
12 separation; and

13           WHEREAS, The Gratitude Initiative was founded in Texas by  
14 U.S. Army combat veteran and entrepreneur Lee Sechrist to help  
15 address the needs of these families by providing educational  
16 support and scholarships for children and families of military  
17 service members, veterans, disabled veterans, and those killed in  
18 action; and

19           WHEREAS, Military children endure separation and loss so that  
20 their parents might defend our nation, and all those involved with  
21 the notable endeavors of the Gratitude Initiative to assist these  
22 children truly merit special recognition and praise; now,  
23 therefore, be it

24           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas

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1 Legislature hereby recognize January 27, 2015, as Gratitude  
2 Initiative/GI Kids Day in Texas and that the citizens of Texas be  
3 encouraged to honor our military families and children for their  
4 service to our nation and state.

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Straus	Guerra	Otto
Allen	Guillen	Paddie
Alonzo	Gutierrez	Parker
Alvarado	Harless	Paul
Anchia	Hernandez	Peña
Anderson of Dallas	Herrero	Phelan
Anderson of McLennan	Howard	Phillips
Ashby	Huberty	Pickett
Aycock	Hughes	Price
Bell	Hunter	Raney
Blanco	Isaac	Raymond
Bohac	Israel	Reynolds
Bonnen of Brazoria	Johnson	Riddle
Bonnen of Galveston	Kacal	Rinaldi
Burkett	Keffer	Rodriguez of Bexar
Burns	Keough	Rodriguez of Travis
Burrows	King of Hemphill	Romero, Jr.
Button	King of Parker	Rose
Canales	King of Taylor	Sanford
Capriglione	King of Uvalde	Schaefer
Clardy	Klick	Schofield
Coleman	Koop	Shaheen
Collier	Krause	Sheets
Cook	Kuempel	Sheffield
Craddick	Landgraf	Simmons
Crownover	Larson	Simpson
Dale	Laubenberg	Smith
Darby	Leach	Smithee
Davis of Dallas	Longoria	Spitzer
Davis of Harris	Lozano	Springer
Deshotel	Lucio III	Stephenson
Dukes	Márquez	Stickland
Dutton	Martinez	Thompson of Brazoria
Elkins	Martinez Fischer	Thompson of Harris
Faircloth	McClendon	Tinderholt
Fallon	Menéndez	Turner of Collin
Farias	Metcalf	Turner of Harris
Farney	Meyer	Turner of Tarrant
Farrar	Miles	VanDeaver
Fletcher	Miller of Comal	Villalba
Flynn	Miller of Fort Bend	Vo
Frank	Moody	Walle
Frullo	Morrison	White of Bell
Galindo	Muñoz, Jr.	White of Tyler
Geren	Murphy	Workman
Giddings	Murr	Wray
Goldman	Naishtat	Wu
Gonzales	Nevárez	Zedler
González	Oliveira	Zerwas

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 58 was adopted by the House on January 27, 2015, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House