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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Heroes Night Out in Cedar Park is celebrating the
2 fifth anniversary of the opening of its veterans resource center on
3 July 26, 2015; and

4 WHEREAS, Wes and Judy Pierce, the proud parents of 12
5 children, five of whom have served in the United States armed
6 forces, founded Heroes Night Out in 2008 after visiting a wounded
7 soldier at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio; the program
8 initially donated gift cards to military personnel and their
9 families, and its scope was later dramatically expanded to meet the
10 even greater needs of veterans; and

11 WHEREAS, In 2010, the Pierces acquired a 6,000-square-foot
12 building from their church, Twin Lakes Fellowship, and within a
13 year, they transformed the space into a resource center; today, the
14 nonprofit provides support to more than 1,000 Central Texas
15 servicemembers each month, assisting with VA claims, legal issues,
16 housing, and employment as well as offering on-site psychiatrist
17 visits and peer-to-peer counseling; in addition, the initiative
18 participates in homebuilding projects and hosts a free dinner and
19 magic show each month; and

20 WHEREAS, Heroes Night Out has made a meaningful difference in
21 the lives of countless veterans and their loved ones, and this
22 occasion presents a welcome opportunity to honor this vital
23 organization; now, therefore, be it

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

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1 Legislature hereby commemorate the fifth anniversary of the opening
2 of the Heroes Night Out veterans resource center and extend to all
3 those associated with the program sincere appreciation for their
4 important work; and, be it further

5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
6 prepared for the Pierce family as an expression of high regard by
7 the Texas House of Representatives.