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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Women play an essential part in the armed forces of
2 the United States, and their efforts are being celebrated during
3 March 2015 as the Texas Veterans Commission joins with individuals
4 across the state to observe Women Veterans Month; and

5 WHEREAS, The long tradition of women serving in our country's
6 military dates back to the American Revolution, when they acted as
7 nurses, cooks, and saboteurs; their important contributions
8 continued in the centuries that followed and included assignments
9 as military nurses in fixed-facility hospitals in World Wars I and
10 II and as medical staff in field combat hospitals during the Korean
11 and Vietnam Wars; and

12 WHEREAS, Today, women constitute approximately 15 percent of
13 the armed forces, performing a range of vital duties, and the
14 Veterans Administration estimates that by 2020 women will make up
15 10 percent of all former military personnel living in the United
16 States; and

17 WHEREAS, Texas is home to the largest population of women
18 veterans in the United States, and the Women Veterans Initiative
19 sponsored by the Texas Veterans Commission helps educate these
20 individuals about federal and state support available to them; the
21 initiative also coordinates supplemental aid with local government
22 and community organizations, and it works to raise awareness of the
23 outstanding work performed by women in the military; and

24 WHEREAS, Americans owe a profound debt of gratitude to the

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1 women who have helped defend our nation, and thanks to the efforts
2 of the Women Veterans Initiative, these brave and patriotic
3 individuals are gaining improved access to the assistance and
4 recognition they so richly deserve; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
6 Legislature hereby recognize March 2015 as Women Veterans Month in
7 the State of Texas and commend the work of the Texas Veterans
8 Commission Women Veterans Initiative.