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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Colin Kimball of McKinney earned well-deserved
2 recognition for his outstanding volunteerism and patriotism when he
3 received the Silver Patrick Henry Medallion from the Dallas chapter
4 of the Military Order of the World Wars on January 26, 2015; and

5 WHEREAS, Following in his father's footsteps, Mr. Kimball
6 answered his nation's call to duty in 1976 by enlisting in the
7 United States Air Force; while in the service, he trained as a
8 weather equipment repairman and worked at airfields and helipads
9 around Washington, D.C., in support of diplomatic flight operations
10 of the executive branch; he attained the rank of sergeant prior to
11 his honorable discharge; and

12 WHEREAS, After returning to civilian life, Mr. Kimball
13 earned a bachelor's degree in geology from Centenary College of
14 Louisiana and a master's degree in the same field from the
15 University of Louisiana at Monroe; moreover, he developed his
16 remarkable talent and enthusiasm for portraiture as a photography
17 apprentice; and

18 WHEREAS, In 2013, Mr. Kimball, along with Marine Corps
19 veteran Ronnie Foster, founded the Collin County Fallen Warriors
20 Portrait Project, which pays homage to area Texans who have died in
21 service to their country; artworks created for the initiative adorn
22 the walls of the county courthouse in McKinney; other portraits by
23 Mr. Kimball of American military heroes are on display at military
24 bases at Quantico, Virginia, and Vicenza, Italy, at The University

1 of Texas at Austin, and in private collections across the country;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Kimball has published a volume of his portraits,
4 *Currency of Honor*, which has helped raise funds in behalf of the
5 Wounded Warrior Project, and he is currently working on his second
6 book, *The Voices of Duty*; he has also given generously of his time
7 and expertise as the historian for Bill Bryan Post 110 of the
8 American Legion in McKinney and as a member of the local Veterans
9 Memorial Board and of the Veterans Selection Committee for the
10 McKinney-based Smiles Charity; and

11 WHEREAS, A devoted family man, Mr. Kimball is the loving
12 husband of Susan Kimball, with whom he has shared a rewarding union
13 of nearly three decades, and he takes great pride in his two
14 children, Catherine and Craig; and

15 WHEREAS, Colin Kimball has gone above and beyond in helping
16 to ensure that our military members and veterans are appropriately
17 honored, and his outstanding service to his community and his
18 nation have earned him the profound respect and admiration of his
19 fellow Texans; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
21 Legislature hereby congratulate Colin Kimball on his receipt of the
22 Silver Patrick Henry Medallion from the Military Order of the World
23 Wars and extend to him sincere appreciation for his many good works;
24 and, be it further

25 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
26 prepared for Mr. Kimball as an expression of high regard by the
27 Texas House of Representatives.