

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Chuck and Michelle Wright of Frisco played an  
2 essential role in correcting the tombstone of a Texan who lost his  
3 life while serving during World War II, and they are truly deserving  
4 of special commendation for their successful efforts; and

5           WHEREAS, U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Burton E. Burfeind was born  
6 in Decatur on September 28, 1922, and he served with the 115th  
7 Regiment of the 29th Infantry Division; he took part in the D-Day  
8 invasion of Normandy on June 6, and on September 8, 1944, he was  
9 killed in action in Brittany; he was subsequently buried in a  
10 cemetery in Rusk County; and

11           WHEREAS, Years later, fellow soldier Bill Welch, whose life  
12 was saved by Sergeant Burfeind during World War II, discovered that  
13 the sergeant's headstone inscription listed the wrong infantry  
14 division; with the assistance of the Burfeind family, he attempted  
15 to have it corrected, but ran into a number of roadblocks; in March  
16 2015, Chuck and Michelle Wright took up the cause and were  
17 ultimately able to ensure that the sergeant was properly honored,  
18 restoring him to his rightful place in the 29th Infantry Division;  
19 and

20           WHEREAS, A veteran himself, Chuck Wright was a decorated  
21 helicopter pilot in the marine corps, and since leaving the  
22 military, he has continued to be a champion for servicemen and women  
23 as the host of the program Alliance 4 the Brave on KVCE-AM radio, as  
24 a member of the Marine Corps League, and as a leader in the Texas

1 chapter of the Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America; and

2 WHEREAS, Michelle Wright is active in raising the couple's  
3 two sons, Mason and Travis, and she has served as a Cub Scout leader  
4 and engaged in other civic activities; she has also devoted much  
5 time to researching the family's genealogy, tracing it back seven  
6 generations to one of Stephen F. Austin's original 300 settlers;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Thanks to the dedication and hard work of these  
9 patriotic Texans, a brave American who gave his life to defend this  
10 country has been properly honored for his sacrifice, and Chuck and  
11 Michelle Wright may indeed take great pride in this important  
12 achievement; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
14 Legislature hereby commend Chuck and Michelle Wright for correcting  
15 the headstone of U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Burton E. Burfeind and  
16 honor them for their selfless service in behalf of Texas veterans;  
17 and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
19 prepared for Mr. and Mrs. Wright as an expression of high regard by  
20 the Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2810 was adopted by the House on May 21, 2015, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House