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S.C.R. No. 24

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, Our nation is fortunate to have sons and daughters  
2 whose love of country is such that they are willing to risk their  
3 lives in its defense, and they are truly deserving of the utmost  
4 respect and gratitude; and

5           WHEREAS, Legions of Americans stepped forward to serve their  
6 nation in the aftermath of September 11, 2001, and their unwavering  
7 resolve to combat terrorism in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan  
8 helped ensure the safety of millions of people back home and around  
9 the globe; and

10           WHEREAS, Over the course of both wars, almost 7,000 U.S.  
11 service members, including 600 Texans, died, and countless more  
12 American troops were wounded; sharing in those sacrifices were  
13 their families and friends; and

14           WHEREAS, Under Chapter 443, Government Code, and rules of the  
15 State Preservation Board, a portion of the north Capitol grounds is  
16 available for new monuments, subject to legislative approval,  
17 specified procedural requirements, the provision of funding from  
18 private donors, conformity to certain size and design limitations  
19 and parameters, and completion on a timely basis; and

20           WHEREAS, Members of the Texas Legislature find that a  
21 commemorative monument recognizing those Texans who served during  
22 the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan would be a worthy addition to the  
23 Capitol grounds; now, therefore, be it

24           RESOLVED, That the 84th Legislature of the State of Texas

1 hereby authorize the State Preservation Board, subject to state law  
2 and rules of the board, to approve and permit the construction of a  
3 monument at the state Capitol Complex, at a site outside the  
4 historic Capitol grounds, honoring Texans who served in the wars in  
5 Iraq and Afghanistan as part of the U.S. armed forces and their  
6 families; and, be it further

7       RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward an  
8 official copy of this resolution to the executive director of the  
9 State Preservation Board.