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S.C.R. No. 48

1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, For well over a century, Americans have set aside a
3 time to honor those members of its military forces who have died in
4 this country's service; and

5 WHEREAS, Originally called Decoration Day, this special
6 remembrance was first observed in 1868, when flowers were placed on
7 the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers; by the end of the 19th
8 century, Memorial Day ceremonies were being held on May 30
9 throughout the nation, and in 1971 Congress designated the last
10 Monday in May as Memorial Day; and

11 WHEREAS, Legions of Americans have stepped forward to serve
12 their country in times of conflict, and more than a million have
13 made the ultimate sacrifice; they "gave the last full measure of
14 devotion" on their native soil, in foreign lands, and on seas around
15 the world; today, we pause to remember with fresh sorrow all Texans
16 who have been slain in combat as members of the United States
17 military, and we acknowledge the profound loss sustained by the
18 families they have left behind; and

19 WHEREAS, In memorial ceremonies around the nation, Americans
20 reflect gratefully on their heritage and recognize the extreme
21 sacrifices made by all who serve in the armed forces of this
22 country; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED by the 84th Texas Legislature, That the Senate and
24 House of Representatives of the State of Texas meet in a joint

1 memorial session in the Hall of the House of Representatives on
2 Saturday, May 23, 2015, at 11 a.m., for the Fallen Heroes Memorial
3 Service to pay tribute to all who have died in the service of this
4 country and to honor especially the patriotic sons and daughters of
5 the Lone Star State who have given their lives; and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the Honorable Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas,
7 all Texas state officials, and the family members of those killed in
8 the service of this country be, and hereby are, invited to attend
9 the joint memorial session; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the 84th Legislature of the State of Texas
11 hereby commemorate Memorial Day 2015 and express deep appreciation
12 to all the men and women who have served our great country.