

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 553

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the American Legion and its efforts to honor the service and sacrifice of American military veterans and their families; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion Department of Texas District 2 Spring Convention is being held in Jasper and is being hosted by American Legion Post 78, the William R. Blackshear Post; and

WHEREAS, An honor ceremony on April 25, 2015, will open the convention and will include a commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War and a tribute to the fallen and to the families of Texans who gave their lives in the war; and

WHEREAS, There will also be a special presentation to the family of Jasper County Judge William R. Blackshear, who died during World War I in France and for whom American Legion Post 78 is named; and

WHEREAS, All of the honored families are being presented with a personalized Honor and Remember flag; Honor and Remember is a national organization created to promote a nationally recognized flag that would fly continuously as a visible reminder to all Americans of the lives lost in defense of our national freedoms; and

WHEREAS, The William R. Blackshear American Legion Post is one of the oldest American Legion posts in Texas; Post 78 was founded in Jasper on October 11, 1919; the Texas chapter of Honor and Remember has established its headquarters in Jasper, and together these dedicated organizations are paying special tribute to veterans and their families as they commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby commend the American Legion and all the veterans and families who are being honored at the American Legion Department of Texas District 2 Spring Convention; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared to commemorate this special event.

Nichols

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the
above Resolution was adopted by
the Senate on April 13, 2015.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate