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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, On June 12, 2017, Texans joined together in
2 celebration of Women Veterans Day, an event inaugurated to
3 recognize the myriad achievements of women in the armed forces; and

4 WHEREAS, Since serving as nurses, spies, and even soldiers in
5 the Revolutionary War, women have been involved in every armed
6 conflict in American history; long before officially joining the
7 ranks of the U.S. Army, women carried out essential work in medical
8 and support roles during times of war; the Second World War led to
9 the creation of the Women's Army Corps, which allowed women to
10 enlist in the military in areas outside of nursing for the first
11 time, including military intelligence, cryptography, and
12 maintenance and supply; and

13 WHEREAS, In recognition of the outstanding contributions of
14 women in uniform during World War II, the Women's Armed Services
15 Integration Act was signed into law by President Harry S. Truman on
16 June 12, 1948; the law enabled women to serve as permanent, regular
17 members of the U.S. Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force,
18 representing a major step toward the full inclusion of women in the
19 military; and

20 WHEREAS, The Global War on Terror has ushered in a rapid
21 expansion of roles for female service members; in 2013, the
22 restriction on women in direct ground combat roles was lifted, and
23 two years later, Defense Secretary Ash Carter announced the
24 decision to open up all military occupations and positions to

1 women, without exception; today, American women are serving in
2 greater numbers than ever before and contributing significantly to
3 the mission of each branch of the armed forces; and

4 WHEREAS, The State of Texas is proud to be home to the largest
5 population of women veterans in the country; through their courage,
6 their patriotism, and their professionalism, they are an
7 inspiration to us all, and we owe them an immense debt of gratitude
8 for their service and sacrifice; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
10 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby commemorate Women Veterans
11 Day 2017 in honor of the female members of the United States
12 military, past and present.