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H.C.R. No. 132

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Artist Colin Kimball was presented with the
2 Distinguished Citizen Medal by the John F. Greer Chapter of the
3 Daughters of the American Revolution at a ceremony in Melissa on May
4 21, 2016; and

5 WHEREAS, A veteran of the U.S. Air Force, Mr. Kimball is a
6 gifted portrait artist who specializes in creating paintings of
7 fallen American servicemen and -women; working from his own
8 research, he creates stirring representations of military
9 personnel who gave their lives in the line of duty; and

10 WHEREAS, In 2013, Mr. Kimball and Marine Corps veteran Ronnie
11 Foster created the Collin County Fallen Warriors Portrait Project,
12 and Mr. Kimball embarked upon a mission to paint every member of the
13 armed forces from the area who died in service to their country,
14 from World War I to the recent conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan; as
15 of Veterans Day 2016, he had created 42 portraits, which are proudly
16 displayed on the Fallen Warriors Wall of Patriotism in the Collin
17 County Courthouse; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Kimball's work has also been exhibited at
19 military bases at Quantico, Virginia, and Vincenza, Italy, as well
20 as at The University of Texas at Austin, and he has published a book
21 of his portraits, *Currency of Honor*; a resident of McKinney, he
22 serves as historian of Bill Bryan Post No. 110 of the American
23 Legion and as a member of the McKinney Armed Services Memorial Board
24 and the Veterans Selection Committee of the Smiles Charity; and

1 WHEREAS, Americans owe a profound debt of gratitude to those
2 men and women who answer their nation's call to duty, and Colin
3 Kimball's creative and heartfelt efforts to honor those who have
4 made the ultimate sacrifice are truly deserving of this special
5 recognition; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the 85th Legislature of the State of Texas
7 hereby congratulate Colin Kimball on his receipt of a Distinguished
8 Citizen Medal from the Daughters of the American Revolution and
9 extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success with his
10 important work; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for Mr. Kimball as an expression of high regard by the
13 Texas House of Representatives and Senate.