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H.C.R. No. 136

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

22 RESOLVED by the 85th Texas Legislature, That the Senate and
23 House of Representatives of the State of Texas meet in a joint
24 memorial session in the Hall of the House of Representatives on

1 Saturday, May 27, 2017, at 10 a.m., for the Fallen Heroes Memorial
2 Service to pay tribute to all who have died in the service of this
3 country and to honor especially the patriotic sons and daughters of
4 the Lone Star State who have given their lives; and, be it further

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

9 RESOLVED, That Memorial Day 2017 be commemorated and that the
10 contributions of all the men and women who have served our great
11 country be recognized.