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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Many residents of Nueces County are gathering on  
2 April 6, 2017, to mark the 100th anniversary of the United States'  
3 entry into World War I; and

4           WHEREAS, In early 1917, Great Britain, France, Russia, Italy,  
5 and Japan, known as the Allied Powers, were engaged in the Great War  
6 against Germany, Austria-Hungary, and the Ottoman Empire, or the  
7 Central Powers; German submarines sank several U.S. ships in  
8 February and March, killing numerous seamen and citizens, and  
9 British naval intelligence revealed that Germany was attempting to  
10 draw Mexico into an alliance against the United States; and

11           WHEREAS, President Woodrow Wilson appeared before a joint  
12 session of Congress on April 2, 1917, to request a declaration of  
13 war against Germany; two days later, the U.S. Senate voted in  
14 support, and with the concurrence of the House of Representatives  
15 on April 6, the U.S. joined forces with the Allies; and

16           WHEREAS, In 1918, the infusion of American troops and  
17 resources into the western front turned the tide definitively in  
18 favor of the Allies, and Germany signed an armistice agreement on  
19 November 11; by then, more than 116,000 members of the U.S. military  
20 had perished and a further 200,000 had been wounded; and

21           WHEREAS, During the war, Nueces County was the location of  
22 Camp Scurry, a 200-acre training base for the 4th Field Artillery  
23 Regiment and the 5th Engineer Battalion; the centennial observance  
24 in the county is sponsored by the Nueces County Historical

1 Commission, the Nueces County Historical Society, the Corpus  
2 Christi Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American  
3 Revolution, the Corpus Christi Chapter of the United Daughters of  
4 the Confederacy, and Old Bayview Chapter No. 479 of the National  
5 Society United States Daughters of 1812; and

6 WHEREAS, World War I marked the beginning of an era of seismic  
7 change around the globe, and this milestone anniversary provides an  
8 opportunity to reflect on the patriotism and sacrifice that are  
9 synonymous with that cataclysmic rupture, as well as on the causes  
10 that precipitated the conflict and the consequences that flowed  
11 from it; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
13 Legislature hereby commemorate the Nueces County observance of the  
14 centennial of the United States' entry into World War I and extend  
15 to all those participating sincere best wishes for a memorable and  
16 meaningful event.