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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas Challenge bicycle ride hosted by Project
2 Hero and sponsored by UnitedHealthcare is taking place from April 2
3 through April 8, 2017; and

4 WHEREAS, This noncompetitive, therapeutic bike tour is
5 designed for first responders and veterans who are recovering from
6 post-traumatic stress disorders and traumatic brain injuries, with
7 the participants riding together for 500 miles on traditional and
8 specially adapted bikes; and

9 WHEREAS, After gathering in San Antonio on Sunday, the 2017
10 Texas Challenge riders depart on Monday for San Marcos; from there,
11 the route takes them through Georgetown, Fort Hood, Waco, and
12 College Station before finishing in Houston on April 8; along the
13 way, the cyclists will pass through other communities and visit
14 historic sites, civic centers, and local attractions, and members
15 of the public will have the opportunity to show support for the
16 riders; and

17 WHEREAS, The physical and mental effort required of the men
18 and women taking part in this event has proven to be of significant
19 therapeutic value; participants set goals for themselves and work
20 hard to attain them, while simultaneously motivating and
21 encouraging their fellow riders to persevere in all aspects of
22 their rehabilitation; and

23 WHEREAS, Our state and nation owe a profound debt of
24 gratitude to injured first responders and veterans, and the annual

1 Texas Challenge ride plays a vital role in providing these brave and
2 determined individuals with the support they so richly deserve;
3 now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
5 Legislature hereby commemorate the 2017 Project Hero and
6 UnitedHealthcare Texas Challenge bicycle ride and extend to its
7 participants sincere best wishes for seven days of camaraderie and
8 good fellowship; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for Project Hero as an expression of high regard by the
11 Texas House of Representatives.