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H.R. No. 1462

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The members of the Reddy-McClellan Veterans of
2 Foreign Wars Post No. 8789 in Bowie celebrated the organization's
3 70th anniversary on December 10, 2016; and

4 WHEREAS, Named for two local veterans, Wendell McClellan and
5 Lieutenant Kenneth Reddy, the Bowie VFW post was founded by 25
6 charter members in 1946 to help soldiers returning home from World
7 War II; it was originally housed in a building on Wise Street but
8 subsequently moved to its present location on East Nelson Street;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Under the skilled leadership of post commander Gary
11 Stephens, VFW Post 8789 is continuing its long tradition of service
12 to area veterans by providing counseling and transportation to
13 clinics in Bridgeport and Dallas; other initiatives include a
14 winter clothing drive for homeless veterans, collecting Christmas
15 presents for the former military members living in a local nursing
16 home, and working with the community to construct a veterans
17 monument at Pelham Park; and

18 WHEREAS, The Bowie VFW post also contributes to the wider
19 community by sponsoring the local Cub Scout and Boy Scout troops;
20 moreover, the group recently hosted a spaghetti dinner, donating
21 the proceeds to the fire department's annual toy drive, and the VFW
22 meeting rooms are made available to any nonprofit organization free
23 of charge; and

24 WHEREAS, Americans owe a profound debt of gratitude to the

1 brave men and women who risk their lives to protect our safety and
2 liberty, and VFW Post 8789 is indeed deserving of recognition for
3 its efforts in behalf of area veterans; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
5 Legislature hereby commemorate the 70th anniversary of the
6 Reddy-McClellan Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 8789 in Bowie and
7 extend to its members sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it
8 further

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