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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Clarissa Milner, a senior at Earl Warren High School
2 in San Antonio, has enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, and
3 her experiences during the enlistment process have helped inspire
4 the filing of Senate Bill 1152 during the 85th Texas Legislature;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Determined to serve her nation after she graduates,
7 Ms. Milner took three days off from school during December 2016 to
8 take the oath of enlistment and to complete other requirements;
9 these absences were counted against her attendance record, as Texas
10 law does not permit missing school for such a purpose, even though
11 high school students are allowed up to two days of absences to visit
12 college campuses; and

13 WHEREAS, Ms. Milner's story gained the attention of Texas
14 State Senator José Menéndez, who subsequently introduced S.B. 1152
15 to address the issue; the legislation would allow students 17 years
16 of age or older to miss up to four days of school for the purpose of
17 pursuing enlistment in a branch of the U.S. armed services or the
18 Texas National Guard; in support of the bill, Ms. Milner traveled
19 to the State Capitol on March 8, 2017, to testify before the Senate
20 Committee on Veteran Affairs and Border Security; and

21 WHEREAS, Clarissa Milner is the daughter of Marissa Milner;
22 in choosing to join the armed forces, she is following in the
23 footsteps of her mother, who has proudly served as a member of the
24 U.S. Marines; and

1 WHEREAS, This notable young Texan has demonstrated an
2 exceptional commitment not only to defending her country but also
3 to assisting other students considering military careers, and she
4 is truly deserving of special recognition for her efforts; now,
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
7 Legislature hereby commend Clarissa Milner for enlisting in the
8 U.S. Marine Corps and for her part in inspiring Texas Senate Bill
9 1152; and, be it further

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