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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Americans everywhere are pausing on Veterans Day,
2 November 11, 2018, to pay grateful tribute to those brave men and
3 women who have served in the United States armed forces; and

4 WHEREAS, This holiday was originally designated as Armistice
5 Day, in recognition of the day that the guns of World War I fell
6 silent, and this year the date of November 11 is made especially
7 significant by the fact that it marks the 100th anniversary of the
8 end of that devastating conflict; since 1954, when the name of the
9 observance was changed to Veterans Day, the holiday has honored all
10 who have performed military service in this country's behalf,
11 whether as a member of the U.S. Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force,
12 or Coast Guard; and

13 WHEREAS, From the Revolutionary War to the present, more than
14 40 million men and women have filled the ranks of our uniformed
15 branches; of those legions, over half a million have died in battle,
16 more than 1.5 million have been wounded, thousands have suffered
17 the rigors of imprisonment in POW camps, and thousands more remain
18 missing in action; and

19 WHEREAS, Throughout its history, our nation has been
20 sustained by those whose love of country is such that they are
21 willing to take up arms in its defense; every day of the year,
22 America's servicemen and servicewomen are at their posts, at home
23 and throughout the world, charged with maintaining the nation's
24 security and prepared to do their utmost in defense of their

1 homeland and the cause of freedom; and

2 WHEREAS, Whether in time of war or peace, members of the U.S.
3 armed forces work tirelessly as they keep faith with their oath to
4 "support and defend the Constitution of the United States," and
5 even though we set aside this special day in recognition of those
6 who have served, it is incumbent on our citizenry to hold always in
7 their hearts the men and women in uniform, past and present, and to
8 honor their steadfast courage, their unfailing selflessness, and
9 their willing sacrifice; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
11 Legislature hereby commemorate Veterans Day 2018 and extend
12 heartfelt gratitude to all of our veterans for their valor and
13 patriotism.