R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, On May 19, 2018, Americans are paying special
2 tribute to our nation's military personnel with the commemoration
3 of Armed Forces Day; and

4 WHEREAS, This annual observance was launched following the
5 1947 merger of the Departments of War and Navy into one entity, the
6 National Military Establishment, now known as the Department of
7 Defense; on this occasion, we pause to honor the members of the U.S.
8 Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, and Coast Guard, whose devotion to
9 duty has helped safeguard Americans at home and abroad; and

10 WHEREAS, The U.S. Army began as 10 companies of riflemen that
11 were sanctioned by the Second Continental Congress on June 14,
12 1775; since that time, the army has supplied the majority of
13 American ground troops when our nation has taken up arms; today, the
14 service is comprised of a number of divisions, including Infantry,
15 Military Intelligence, Aviation, the Corps of Engineers, and
16 Special Forces, as well as such specialized branches as the Army
17 Medical Department Corps, Chaplain Corps, and Judge Advocate
18 General's Corps; and

19 WHEREAS, The foundation for the U.S. Navy was first laid on
20 October 13, 1775, when the Second Continental Congress authorized
21 the outfitting of two warships; following the Revolutionary War,
22 the service remained dormant until the establishment of the
23 Department of the Navy on April 30, 1798; today, naval personnel
24 protect the homeland by sea and provide seaborne support to the

1 other military branches; and

2   WHEREAS, On November 10, 1775, the Second Continental

3 Congress passed a resolution to assemble two marine battalions, and

4 though the Marine Corps disbanded after the War of Independence, it

5 was reestablished on July 11, 1798; the service is now a component

6 of the Department of the Navy, with the mission of preparing for

7 counterinsurgency, guerilla and amphibious warfare, and commando

8 operations; and

9   WHEREAS, The U.S. Air Force traces its roots back to the 1907

10 creation of an aeronautical division within the U.S. Army Signal

11 Corps, and it later became known as the Army Air Corps and the Army

12 Air Forces before being designated as an individual branch within

13 the Department of Defense on September 18, 1947; the service first

14 proved its tremendous worth by performing crucial reconnaissance

15 and bombing missions throughout World War I and World War II, and it

16 quickly earned recognition as the most powerful air force on earth;

17 the branch's scope has expanded dramatically over the years, and it

18 now encompasses defense in the realms of air, space, and

19 cyberspace; and

20   WHEREAS, Founded in 1915, the U.S. Coast Guard is now part of

21 the Department of Homeland Security; throughout its history, the

22 branch has assumed many duties, from protecting against pirates to

23 intercepting contraband, conducting search and rescue operations,

24 responding to oil spills, and licensing and certifying all U.S.

25 maritime personnel; during wartime, its efforts have included

26 escort and patrol duty and assisting amphibious landings; and

27   WHEREAS, From the infancy of our nation onward, American

1 military personnel have been integral to preserving the security

2 and liberty of our citizenry; this occasion provides a fitting

3 opportunity to express our deepest gratitude to all active-duty

4 servicemen and servicewomen as well as to the members of the reserve

5 forces, the Army National Guard, and the Air National Guard for

6 their gallantry and dedication; now, therefore, be it

7   RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas

8 Legislature hereby recognize May 19, 2018, as Armed Forces Day and

9 pay tribute to the members of the nation's military.

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H.R. No. 2584

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2584 was adopted by the House on May 28, 2017, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House