

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 191

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Texas Center for the Book and the Texas State Library and Archives Commission for launching the Read Across Texas program; and

WHEREAS, The Texas Center for the Book is administered by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission to encourage literacy, library use, and a love of reading throughout Texas; this year, the center initiated a new statewide reading campaign to help bring communities together, to celebrate reading, and to promote discourse on issues that affect all Texans; and

WHEREAS, Each year, the Read Across Texas program will promote a new theme to encourage citizens to reflect on common experiences, and the theme this year is "The Veteran Experience: Welcoming Them Home"; every community in Texas is touched by the sacrifices of our 1,675,000 veterans, and we are all made stronger by reflecting on their challenges and wisdom; and

WHEREAS, The Texas Center for the Book and the Texas State Library and Archives Commission have selected four books relating to veterans to promote meaningful discussion among citizens; the center has partnered with the Texas Veterans Commission, the Military Veterans Peer Network, and public libraries throughout the state to encourage Texas families and communities to participate in this important program; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby commend the Texas Center for the Book and the Texas State Library and Archives Commission on initiating the Read Across Texas program and extend to all associated with the program best wishes for success; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of this inaugural program.

Campbell

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 14, 2017.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate