

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 802

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Dr. and Mrs. Philip Wales, the first married couple to be honored with memorial plaques at the Admiral Nimitz Museum in the National Museum of the Pacific War; and

WHEREAS, The Admiral Nimitz Museum was established in Fredericksburg to honor Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz and those who served under him in the Pacific Theater of World War II; in the last 50 years, the museum has honored thousands of veterans who fought bravely in defense of the nation; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Philip Wales joined the United States Navy in 1942, and he primarily served on the Pacific Island of Ulithi; as a medical officer, he provided care for United States Marines and for the indigenous people of the island, and he treated men returning from infamous battles, such as Guadalcanal and Iwo Jima; he retired from military service with the rank of captain in 1974; and

WHEREAS, Mary Elizabeth Schneider joined the United States Army Nursing Corps in 1944; she cared for innumerable servicemen who were recovering from warzone injuries at facilities in Galveston, and she retired from the nursing corps in 1947; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Wales and Elizabeth Schneider met in the early 1950s, when he was struck by appendicitis and she provided his nursing care; they were married on May 1, 1952, and today, they are revered residents of Lockhart, Texas; the devoted couple was honored as a husband-and-wife team on March 18, 2017, at the Admiral Nimitz Museum for their individual contributions to the United States War effort; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby commend Dr. and Mrs. Philip Wales for their distinguished service to the nation and congratulate them on being honored together at the Admiral Nimitz Museum as true American heroes; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for them as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Zaffirini

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 17, 2017.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate