86R32375 JGH-D

By:  Flynn H.C.R. No. 173

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, For well over a century, Americans have set aside a time to honor those members of its military forces who have died in this country's service; and

WHEREAS, Originally called Decoration Day, this special remembrance was first observed in 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers; by the end of the 19th century, Memorial Day ceremonies were being held on May 30 throughout the nation, and in 1971 Congress designated the last Monday in May as Memorial Day; and

WHEREAS, Legions of Americans have stepped forward to serve their country in times of conflict, and more than a million have made the ultimate sacrifice; they "gave the last full measure of devotion" on their native soil, in foreign lands, and on seas around the world; today, we pause to remember with fresh sorrow all Texans who have been slain in combat as members of the United States military, and we acknowledge the profound loss sustained by the families they have left behind; and

WHEREAS, In memorial ceremonies around the nation, Americans reflect on their heritage and recognize the extreme sacrifices made by those who serve in the armed forces of this country; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the 86th Texas Legislature, That the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Texas meet in a joint memorial session in the Hall of the House of Representatives on Saturday, May 25, 2019, at 10 a.m., for the Fallen Heroes Memorial Service to pay tribute to all members of the U.S. military killed in the line of duty and to honor especially the patriotic sons and daughters of the Lone Star State who have given their lives; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Honorable Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, all Texas state officials, and the family members of those killed in the service of this country be, and hereby are, invited to attend the joint memorial session; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That Memorial Day 2019 be commemorated and that the contributions of all the men and women who have served our great country be recognized.