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H.B. No. 82

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to designating May 8 as Military Spouse and Partner  
Appreciation Day.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 662, Government Code, is  
amended by adding Section 662.071 to read as follows:

Sec. 662.071. MILITARY SPOUSE AND PARTNER APPRECIATION DAY.

(a) May 8 is Military Spouse and Partner Appreciation Day to  
recognize the role of the wives, husbands, and partners of the brave  
individuals who serve in the United States armed forces or state  
military forces. This day commemorates:

(1) the sacrifices military spouses and partners make  
during the weeks, months, and years a loved one is away from home  
protecting our freedom; and

(2) the vital support military spouses and partners  
provide to veterans returning home from military service.

(b) Military Spouse and Partner Appreciation Day shall be  
regularly observed by appropriate programs and activities  
coordinated by the Texas Veterans Commission.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
Act takes effect September 1, 2019.