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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, On May 8, 2020, Americans are paying tribute to the
2 sacrifice and resilience of the wives and husbands of our nation's
3 military personnel with the commemoration of Military Spouse
4 Appreciation Day; and

5 WHEREAS, This special observance originated in April 1984,
6 when President Ronald Reagan issued Proclamation 5184, which
7 recognized the profound contribution spouses make to the readiness
8 and well-being of those in uniform; in 1999, the U.S. Congress made
9 Military Spouse Appreciation Day part of National Military
10 Appreciation Month, and the Department of Defense subsequently
11 stipulated that this day be celebrated each year on the Friday
12 before Mother's Day; and

13 WHEREAS, In a very real sense, military spouses serve
14 alongside our nation's soldiers, sailors, marines, and members of
15 the air force and coast guard; these husbands and wives cope with
16 frequent relocations, manage the home during periods of separation,
17 and provide the moral and emotional support their spouses need to
18 defend our country; and

19 WHEREAS, Even as they endure the heartache of long
20 deployments, these silent heroes bear the responsibility of
21 sustaining their families and caring for their children, and they
22 play a vital role in helping returning service members reintegrate
23 and readjust to life at home; and

24 WHEREAS, Our state and nation are fortunate to have sons and

1 daughters whose love of country leads them to military service, and
2 it is indeed fitting that we honor their spouses, whose fortitude
3 and patriotism continue to be an inspiration to us all; now,
4 therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
6 Legislature hereby recognize May 8, 2020, as Military Spouse
7 Appreciation Day and pay tribute to the husbands and wives of our
8 nation's military personnel.