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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, On Memorial Day 2021, the people of Ellis and
2 Henderson Counties are joining Americans across the nation to honor
3 those men and women in uniform who made the ultimate sacrifice in
4 the defense of our freedom; and

5 WHEREAS, In the years after the Civil War, veterans and their
6 fellow citizens came together on Decoration Day to lay flowers on
7 the graves of those who lost their lives in combat on both sides of
8 the conflict; over time, the day became known as Memorial Day, and
9 since the 1970s, it has been held on the last Monday in May; and

10 WHEREAS, Each year, in communities from coast to coast,
11 solemn ceremonies are held at cemeteries, courthouse squares, and
12 veterans memorials; in accordance to tradition, the United States
13 flag is lowered to half staff early in the day and raised again at
14 noon, and Memorial Day events often feature a performance of
15 "Taps," a 21-gun salute, and a reading of the names of community
16 members who gave their lives in wartime; and

17 WHEREAS, The people of Ellis and Henderson Counties remember
18 their loved ones year-round with their handsome veterans memorials;
19 in Henderson County, an elegant redbrick memorial wall in the East
20 Texas Arboretum lists the names of veterans from the county, while
21 the striking black granite tablets of the Ellis County Veterans
22 Memorial pay homage to that county's fallen; and

23 WHEREAS, Generations of Texans have answered their nation's
24 call to duty, and on this day each year, it is incumbent upon us that

1 we reflect on all that is asked of our servicemen and women, to whom
2 we owe a debt that the passage of time can never diminish; now,
3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
5 Legislature hereby commemorate Memorial Day 2021 and pay tribute to
6 the military personnel of Ellis and Henderson Counties who have
7 given their lives in service.