

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 353**

**WHEREAS**, Members of the Department of Texas Veterans of Foreign Wars marked the 100th anniversary of their organization's founding on April 21, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1921, Texas VFW was chartered by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, a nonprofit organization that serves all veterans from the active, guard, and reserve forces; the Department of Texas initially included five existing VFW Posts in San Antonio, Dallas, Houston, Fort Worth, and Palestine, and a new post, in El Paso, was added soon thereafter; today, it encompasses more than 300 posts across the state; and

**WHEREAS**, Texas VFW fosters patriotism, supports active-duty military, and advocates for veterans and their families; the organization contributed to the creation of the Texas Veterans Commission and works closely with that agency regarding such matters as job training, employment and education benefits, and disability claims; and

**WHEREAS**, Since its inception, Texas VFW has contributed to the wider community by donating resources and volunteer hours to civic and charitable organizations; it funds college scholarships through the VFW Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy initiatives, and it supports scouting, youth athletic teams, JROTC, and other programs for youngsters; moreover, it conducts a recognition program for teachers who encourage good citizenship; and

**WHEREAS**, Members of Texas VFW Posts have gone on to serve as presidents of the United States, governors of Texas, members of Congress, and members of the Texas Legislature; and

**WHEREAS**, Texans have long demonstrated their bravery and patriotism by answering their nation's call to duty, and over the course of a century, Texas VFW has provided the support that ensures our state's veterans are recognized and rewarded for their service; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 87th Legislature, hereby congratulate the Department of Texas Veterans of Foreign Wars on the 100th anniversary of its founding and honor its members for their contributions to their country and their communities; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for Texas VFW as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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Alvarado	Hinojosa	Paxton
Bettencourt	Huffman	Perry
Birdwell	Hughes	Powell
Blanco	Johnson	Schwertner
Buckingham	Kolkhorst	Seliger
Campbell	Lucio	Springer
Creighton	Menéndez	Taylor
Eckhardt	Miles	West
Hall	Nelson	Whitmire
Hancock	Nichols	Zaffirini

Patrick, President of the Senate

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 11, 2021.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate