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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Guadalupe Valley Young Marines in honor of Red Ribbon Week, which is being celebrated October 23 through 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Young Marines is a youth program that serves boys and girls from the age of eight until high school graduation; the program focuses on teaching youth positive values such as leadership, citizenship through community service, self-discipline, and the importance of living a healthy, drug-free lifestyle; and

WHEREAS, Red Ribbon Week, celebrated annually throughout the nation, began in 1988 to honor Special Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena of the United States Drug Enforcement Administration; Agent Camarena was killed in Mexico in 1985 as a result of his work in combatting illegal drugs and drug-trafficking, and the wearing of a red ribbon and celebration of Red Ribbon Week pays tribute to his life and service and signifies a commitment to promoting education and awareness about drug-use prevention; and

WHEREAS, Organized by the National Family Partnership, a nationwide coalition formed in 1980 to combat drug use by young people, the Red Ribbon Campaign is the nation's oldest and largest drug prevention awareness program; this year, the Guadalupe Valley Young Marines is holding its Fourth Annual Kiki

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Camarena Run with a Ride to Be Drug Free event taking place on October 21, 2023; and

WHEREAS, The Guadalupe Valley Young Marines' participation in Red Ribbon Week plays a key role in encouraging and equipping communities in Texas to educate youth about drug-use prevention, and it is indeed fitting that this outstanding organization receive recognition on its important efforts and its participation in this exemplary national event; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby commend the members of the Guadalupe Valley Young Marines on their many contributions to the health and well-being of young people in Texas and extend to all participating in Red Ribbon Week best wishes for this year's celebration; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of this special event.