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H.C.R. No. 12

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The wounds sustained through armed service to the
2 United States are both visible and invisible, and it is vital that
3 all veterans and their families have access to appropriate health
4 care treatments and other resources; and

5 WHEREAS, According to the Department of Veterans Affairs and
6 the Department of Defense, an average of nearly 20 current or former
7 members of the armed forces die by suicide each day, and veterans
8 account for a disproportionate percentage of all adult suicides in
9 the U.S.; and

10 WHEREAS, It is of critical importance that military and
11 veteran communities continue to offer support to the surviving
12 family members of veterans who die by suicide and connect them to
13 available resources; these families have valuable lessons to share
14 that can help prevent future suicides in veteran populations, and
15 their voices should be included in prevention efforts; and

16 WHEREAS, The families of veterans who die by suicide are
17 deserving of recognition for their contributions to the strength,
18 health, and survival of veteran communities, and Texas Veterans
19 Suicide Prevention Day offers a fitting opportunity for all Texans
20 to extend their support to veterans and their families; now,
21 therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas
23 hereby designate September 30 as Texas Veterans Suicide Prevention
24 Day; and, be it further

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1 RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the provisions of
2 Section 391.004(d), Government Code, this designation remain in
3 effect until the 10th anniversary of the date this resolution is
4 finally passed by the legislature.