

1-1 By: Tepper (Senate Sponsor - Hall) H.C.R. No. 7
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 8, 2025;
1-3 May 8, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Administration; May 12, 2025, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 12, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	Hall	X		
1-9	Hinojosa of Nueces	X		
1-10	Cook	X		
1-11	Eckhardt	X		
1-12	Kolkhorst	X		
1-13	Menéndez	X		
1-14	Middleton	X		

1-15 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-16 WHEREAS, For 125 years, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the
1-17 United States has rendered exceptional service to former members of
1-18 our nation's armed forces; and

1-19 WHEREAS, The VFW traces its origins to 1899, when veterans of
1-20 the Spanish-American War and the Philippine-American War founded
1-21 local organizations in Ohio, Colorado, and Pennsylvania to advocate
1-22 for their rights and secure benefits such as medical care and
1-23 pensions; the movement quickly gained momentum, and the groups
1-24 banded together to form the VFW; today, the organization and the VFW
1-25 Auxiliary boast memberships totaling more than 1.4 million; and

1-26 WHEREAS, Since its inception, the VFW has supported a wide
1-27 range of veterans' benefits programs, and it has offered guidance
1-28 to countless former service members in their transition back to
1-29 civilian life; in addition, the organization has made a positive
1-30 impact in local communities, and it has distinguished itself as a
1-31 national leader on issues important to veterans and their families;
1-32 and

1-33 WHEREAS, The VFW's many contributions have included
1-34 advocating for the establishment of the Veterans Administration
1-35 (now known as the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs) and the
1-36 national cemetery system, fighting for improved health care for
1-37 women veterans, and providing funds for a number of memorials
1-38 honoring military service members; the organization has also played
1-39 an instrumental role in the passage of legislation such as the GI
1-40 Bill for the 21st Century in 2008, the Veterans Access, Choice, and
1-41 Accountability Act of 2014, the 2019 Blue Water Navy Vietnam
1-42 Veterans Act, and the 2022 Honoring Our PACT Act; and

1-43 WHEREAS, Americans owe a profound debt of gratitude to the
1-44 military personnel who put themselves in harm's way to defend our
1-45 safety, security, and freedom, and the VFW is indeed deserving of
1-46 special recognition for its efforts to ensure that veterans receive
1-47 the support and appreciation they deserve; now, therefore, be it

1-48 RESOLVED, That the 89th Legislature of the State of Texas
1-49 hereby designate September 29 as Veterans of Foreign Wars of the
1-50 United States Day; and, be it further

1-51 RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the provisions of
1-52 Section 391.004(d), Government Code, this designation remain in
1-53 effect until the 10th anniversary of the date this resolution is
1-54 finally passed by the legislature.

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