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H.C.R. No. 155

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The city of San Antonio shares a proud bond with the
2 military that has spanned more than three centuries, and the city's
3 enduring links to the United States armed forces are central to its
4 culture and economy; and

5 WHEREAS, Dating back to the establishment of San Antonio de
6 Béxar Presidio in 1718, the city has been home to a consistent
7 military presence; San Antonio's development into an important
8 center for the U.S. service branches dates to the early 1900s, when
9 Fort Sam Houston became a major site for training and operations;
10 today, San Antonio has one of the highest concentrations of
11 military bases in the United States; and

12 WHEREAS, Joint Base San Antonio, the largest base within the
13 U.S. Department of Defense, is a consolidation of Fort Sam Houston,
14 Camp Bullis, Lackland Air Force Base, and Randolph Air Force Base;
15 serving as a hub for training, innovation, and support, JBSA
16 employs more than 100,000 people and contributes \$53.2 billion to
17 the state's economy annually; moreover, Fort Sam Houston includes
18 Brooke Army Medical Center, the DOD's largest medical center and
19 only Level I Trauma Center; and

20 WHEREAS, With one of the nation's largest active and retired
21 military populations, San Antonio offers a wealth of resources to
22 support this community, including education and job training
23 initiatives and a vast network of health care services; in
24 addition, the city's culture of military appreciation is reflected

1 in the myriad events it hosts in honor of the men and women who
2 serve, including elaborate ceremonies on Veterans Day and Memorial
3 Day and parades and activities during Fiesta San Antonio; moreover,
4 the city features a number of museums and sites that enable visitors
5 to better appreciate the rich history of the military in San
6 Antonio, including the U.S. Army Medical Department Museum and the
7 Fort Sam Houston Museum and Quadrangle; and

8 WHEREAS, The City of San Antonio has demonstrated tangible
9 support for the military by securing and investing over
10 \$115 million in grants for infrastructure, force protection,
11 resiliency, family and veteran employment, and aviation safety; in
12 addition, the city has worked closely with members of the Texas
13 Legislature to advocate for enhanced protection for San Antonio's
14 military installations; and

15 WHEREAS, Through its steadfast commitment to supporting the
16 U.S. armed forces and the active duty service members and veterans
17 who have carried out its vital mission, San Antonio has long been
18 known as Military City USA, and it is indeed fitting that the city
19 be officially accorded this same title for the State of Texas; now,
20 therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the 89th Legislature of the State of Texas
22 hereby designate San Antonio as Military City Texas; and, be it
23 further

24 RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the provisions of Section
25 [391.003\(e\)](#), Government Code, this designation remain in effect
26 until the 10th anniversary of the date this resolution is finally
27 passed by the legislature.