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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The 20th annual Operation: Hats Off for Veterans BBQ
2 Gala is taking place in Kyle on April 6, 2025; and

3 WHEREAS, For two decades, Operation: Hats Off for Veterans
4 has raised funds for worthy causes; Lisa Adams, who was previously
5 employed at Central Texas Medical Center in San Marcos, organized
6 the first event, Hats Off for Hospice, in 2005 to fulfill the
7 end-of-life wishes of local hospice patients; and

8 WHEREAS, Ms. Adams continued her efforts after leaving her
9 job at the hospital, and the event became the Hats Off for Veterans
10 BBQ Gala, with continued support from Kent Black of Black's BBQ,
11 Larry Kruzic of Texas Old Town, and Texas Oncology-San Marcos; and

12 WHEREAS, Today, the organization focuses on higher
13 education, workforce development, and mental health for veterans;
14 its Higher Education Scholarship Fund benefits veterans enrolled in
15 two- and four-year programs who are working toward their first
16 undergraduate degrees; another scholarship, the MSG Jimmie
17 Quintero Endowment, is supported by an annual contribution from
18 retired U.S. Army Master Sergeant Jimmie Quintero and his wife,
19 Shin, to assist a veteran entering college as a freshman; and

20 WHEREAS, Recognizing a need among veterans suffering from
21 PTSD, Hats Off established its Courage to Connect initiative; this
22 program serves as a navigation tool, and veterans across the state
23 and beyond can join its monthly Zoom meeting to share their stories
24 and support each other in healing; and

1 WHEREAS, Operation: Hats Off for Veterans has made a positive
2 difference in countless lives over the course of two decades, and it
3 is indeed a pleasure to join in celebrating this milestone; now,
4 therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
6 Legislature hereby commemorate the 20th annual Operation: Hats Off
7 for Veterans BBQ Gala and extend to all those involved with the
8 event sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for the organization as an expression of high regard by the
11 Texas House of Representatives.