

By: Hancock

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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join the American Warrior Association in recognizing May 14, 2025, as Texas Moral Injury Awareness Day; and

WHEREAS, Moral injury is defined as emotional damage inflicted on the conscience or moral compass of an individual who perpetrated, witnessed, or failed to prevent acts that transgress one's moral beliefs, values, or ethical codes of conduct; and

WHEREAS, Based in Fort Worth, the American Warrior Association has made a bold and historic effort to address moral injury and overall wellness through the launch of a public-private partnership called "R3: Respond. Restore. Resolve."; and

WHEREAS, By integrating emotional, physical, and spiritual support, the R3 program provides a comprehensive and holistic approach to healing for those who selflessly serve in the line of duty, including military members, veterans, and first responders; and

WHEREAS, The American Warrior Association offers a wide array of support services with the goal to honor and improve the well-being of our nation's heroes, which also aligns with R3's mission to heal, support, and foster resilience in those affected by moral injury; and

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WHEREAS, The R3 program provides access to critical tools and resources through training, culturally competent counseling, and access to non-clinical preventative care designed to reduce stigma and strengthen service members' ability to de-escalate situations and process trauma; this vital initiative allows the American Warrior Association to promote a healthier first responder and veteran workforce in our state, which leads to improved wellness, lower absenteeism, and stronger community ties; and

WHEREAS, Designed for scalability, the R3 program is the first of its kind, and the association plans to expand its innovative model throughout the state and ultimately across the nation; this exemplary program serves as a model to support those who uphold the safety and security of our communities, and it is indeed fitting that a day be set aside to raise awareness about this important issue; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 89th Legislature, hereby recognize May 14, 2025, as Texas Moral Injury Awareness Day and commend all who contribute to the mission of the American Warrior Association for their outstanding efforts to serve our nation's first responders, veterans, and military service members; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the association as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.