WHEREAS, Artist Colin Kimball was presented with the Distinguished Citizen Medal by the John F. Greer Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution at a ceremony in Melissa on May 21, 2016; and

WHEREAS, A veteran of the U.S. Air Force, Mr. Kimball is a gifted portrait artist who specializes in creating paintings of fallen American servicemen and -women; working from his own research, he creates stirring representations of military personnel who gave their lives in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, In 2013, Mr. Kimball and Marine Corps veteran Ronnie Foster created the Collin County Fallen Warriors Portrait Project, and Mr. Kimball embarked upon a mission to paint every member of the armed forces from the area who died in service to their country, from World War I to the recent conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan; as of Veterans Day 2016, he had created 42 portraits, which are proudly displayed on the Fallen Warriors Wall of Patriotism in the Collin County Courthouse; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kimball's work has also been exhibited at military bases at Quantico, Virginia, and Vincenza, Italy, as well as at The University of Texas at Austin, and he has published a book of his portraits, Currency of Honor; a resident of McKinney, he serves as historian of Bill Bryan Post No. 110 of the American Legion and as a member of the McKinney Armed Services Memorial Board and the Veterans Selection Committee of the Smiles Charity; and
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WHEREAS, Americans owe a profound debt of gratitude to those men and women who answer their nation's call to duty, and Colin Kimball's creative and heartfelt efforts to honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice are truly deserving of this special recognition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 85th Legislature of the State of Texas hereby congratulate Colin Kimball on his receipt of a Distinguished Citizen Medal from the Daughters of the American Revolution and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success with his important work; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for Mr. Kimball as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives and Senate.

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I certify that H.C.R. No. 132 was adopted by the House on May 25, 2017, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 132 was adopted by the Senate on May 26, 2017, by a viva-voce vote.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: 6-12-2017

Date

Governor