

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1       WHEREAS, For well over a century, Americans have set aside a  
2 time to honor those members of its military forces who have died in  
3 this country's service; and

4       WHEREAS, Originally called Decoration Day, this special  
5 remembrance was first observed in 1868, when flowers were placed on  
6 the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers, and by the end of the  
7 19th century, Memorial Day ceremonies were being held on May 30  
8 throughout the nation; in 1971, Congress designated the last Monday  
9 in May as Memorial Day; and

10       WHEREAS, Legions of Americans have stepped forward to serve  
11 their country in times of conflict, and more than a million have  
12 made the ultimate sacrifice; they "gave the last full measure of  
13 devotion" on their native soil, in foreign lands, and on seas around  
14 the world, and on this Memorial Day, as Texans pause to remember, we  
15 commemorate with fresh sorrow all Texans who have been killed in  
16 combat; and

17       WHEREAS, Second only to the Vietnam War as the longest  
18 sustained U.S. military operation in history, the Global War on  
19 Terrorism has claimed the lives of nearly 6,000 American service  
20 members, including more than 500 Texans; today we expressly want to  
21 pay homage to those brave fallen soldiers and the families they left  
22 behind; and

23       WHEREAS, It is a grateful nation that reflects on our  
24 American heritage and recognizes the extreme sacrifices made by all

1 who serve in the armed forces; now, therefore, be it

2       RESOLVED by the 82nd Texas Legislature, That the Senate and  
3 House of Representatives of the State of Texas meet in a joint  
4 memorial session in the Hall of the House of Representatives on  
5 Saturday, May 28, 2011, at 11 a.m., for the Fallen Heroes Memorial  
6 Service to pay tribute to all who have died in the service of this  
7 country and to honor especially the Texans killed while serving in  
8 the Global War on Terrorism; and, be it further

9       RESOLVED, That the Honorable Rick Perry, Governor of Texas,  
10 all Texas state officials, and the family members of those killed in  
11 the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan be, and hereby are, invited to  
12 attend the joint memorial session; and, be it further

13       RESOLVED, That the 82nd Legislature of the State of Texas  
14 hereby commemorate Memorial Day 2011 and express deep appreciation  
15 to all the men and women who have served our great country.

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H.C.R. No. 163

David Newkum

President of the Senate

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I certify that H.C.R. No. 163 was adopted by the House on May 16, 2011, by a non-record vote.

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I certify that H.C.R. No. 163 was adopted by the Senate on May 23, 2011, by a viva-voce vote.

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