

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, The valiant men and women of the United States armed  
2 services risk their lives and well-being to defend their country,  
3 and our hearts go out to those who are wounded in the line of duty;  
4 and

5           WHEREAS, Silver Star Day, an observance that is celebrated in  
6 a growing number of states, pays tribute to members of the military  
7 who suffer wounds or serious illness as a result of their war  
8 service; typically observed on May 1, Silver Star Day is a show of  
9 support for those uniformed men and women who are recovering from  
10 injuries; and

11           WHEREAS, The color silver has been associated with wounded  
12 personnel since World War I; silver stars were used in some states  
13 to designate a battle injury, and the tradition developed of  
14 covering the blue star on service flags with silver material if a  
15 military figure was wounded, while a gold star signified that an  
16 individual had been killed in action; and

17           WHEREAS, Today, the organization Silver Star Families of  
18 America is continuing the tradition by providing silver star flags  
19 and banners and certificates of appreciation to those who are  
20 wounded or fall ill while serving in a war zone; this group also  
21 assists wounded veterans in other ways, including providing care  
22 packages to them while they are recuperating from their injuries  
23 and engaging in advocacy and educational initiatives; and

24           WHEREAS, Military veterans who have been wounded in service

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1 to their country are deserving of the highest respect, and it is  
2 most appropriate for the State of Texas to honor them with the  
3 designation of Silver Star Day; now, therefore, be it

4       RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas  
5 hereby designate May 1, 2007, as Silver Star Day in Texas in tribute  
6 to wounded service members of the United States armed forces and  
7 urge all Texans to show their appreciation for the valor of military  
8 veterans.

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President of the Senate

Jim Caddick

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 139 was adopted by the House on March 22, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Robert Honey  
Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 139 was adopted by the Senate on May 1, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Latsy Saw  
Secretary of the Senate

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Date

RICK PERRY

Governor

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