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1 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1 BY UPMEYER and D. TAYLOR 2 1 3 A Resolution honoring the activities and commitment of the Patriot Guard Riders. 1 4 WHEREAS, the Patriot Guard Riders are a diverse 1 5 1 6 organization of motorcycle riders and enthusiasts from 7 across the nation united by an unwavering respect for 8 members of the armed forces who risk their lives for 1 1 9 the freedom and security of this nation; and 1 1 10 WHEREAS, the primary mission of the Patriot Guard 1 11 Riders is to attend funeral services of members of the 1 12 armed forces as invited guests of the members' 1 13 families both as a show of respect and to shield the 1 14 mourning family and their friends from interruptions 1 15 created by any protestor or group of protestors; and 1 16 WHEREAS, the shielding of family and friends from 1 17 protestors is accomplished through strictly legal and 1 18 nonviolent means; and 1 19 WHEREAS, the Patriot Guard Riders also attend 1 20 funeral services for law enforcement personnel and 1 21 fire fighters to pay tribute to their contribution and 1 22 sacrifice; and 1 23 WHEREAS, the additional activities of the Patriot 1 24 Guard Riders include attending or conducting welcome 25 home and send=off ceremonies for both individual 1 1 26 soldiers and reserve or national guard units, and 27 distribution of Patriot Guard Rider flags to armed 1 1 28 forces units as a show of support and to increase 29 morale; and 1 1 30 WHEREAS, Patriot Guard Riders are also active in 2 1 visiting and supporting wounded soldiers and 2 2 remembering and honoring elderly veterans; NOW 2 3 THEREFORE, 2 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, 4 2 5 That the respect and patriotism exhibited by the 2 6 Patriot Guard Riders in honoring killed or wounded 2 7 armed forces, law enforcement, and fire protection 2 8 personnel, and in increasing the morale of individual 2 9 armed forces members and units and supporting the 2 10 families and communities coping with their deployment, 2 11 is officially recognized and commended by the members 2 12 of the House of Representatives. 2 13 LSB 2870YH 82 2 14 rn:rj/je/5