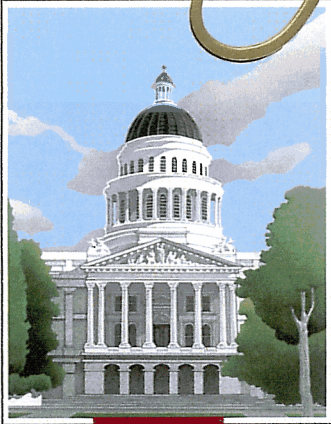


Assembly



RESOLUTION

By the Honorable Tom Berryhill, 25th Assembly District; the Honorable Paul Cook, 65th Assembly District; the Honorable Dave Cogdill, 14th Senatorial District; and the Honorable Jeff Denham, 12th Senatorial District; Relative to commending the

Patriot Guard Riders

Whereas, In recognition of its distinguished record of public service and immeasurable contributions to the military families of fallen heroes, all veterans, and the men and women in uniform who are protecting our country, the Patriot Guard Riders will be honored by the Honor The Fallen Foundation and Never Forget Our Fallen organization at a community-based barbeque in the City of Davis on August 7, 2010, and upon this occasion, the organization and its members are deserving of the highest commendations; and

Whereas, A diverse amalgamation of motorcycle riders from across the nation who share an unwavering respect for those who risk their very lives for America's freedom and security, the main mission of the Patriot Guard Riders (PGR) is to attend the funeral services of fallen American heroes as invited guests of the family; and

Whereas, Each mission that members of the PGR undertake has two basic objectives: to show sincere respect for our country's fallen heroes, their families, and their communities and to shield the mourning family and their friends from interruptions created by any protestor or group of protestors, accomplishing the latter through strictly legal and non-violent means; and

Whereas, Initially founded by motorcyclists, the PGR is now open to anyone, regardless of political affiliation, veteran status, or whether they ride or not, and, since its founding, has expanded its mission to include the funerals of law enforcement officers, fire service personnel, all first responders, and any active duty member or veteran of the United States Armed Forces; and

Whereas, In addition to their attendance at funerals, the PGR greets troops returning from overseas at welcome home celebrations and deployment ceremonies and performs volunteer work for such veterans organizations as Veterans Homes, and the organization assists families in financial difficulties with travel and housing arrangements and visits military hospitals to encourage and honor wounded service members; and

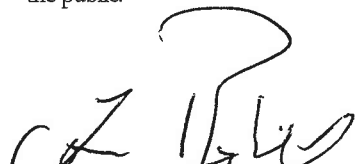
Whereas, As of April 28, 2008, the PGR reported over 170,000 members, and since 2006, members of the California Patriot Guard have rendered honors at events ranging from sendoffs, homecomings, freedom salutes, and escorting the remains of fallen warriors, as well as providing a presence at airports when only one service member was returning from deployment; and

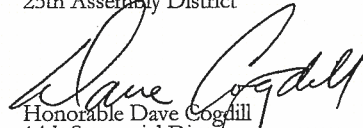
Whereas, The many contributions the Patriot Guard Riders have made to veterans and their families have been invaluable, and reflect an organization devoted to the highest ideals of community service; now, therefore, be it


Resolved by Assembly Members Tom Berryhill and Paul Cook and Senators Dave Cogdill and Jeff Denham, That they join with the Honor The Fallen Foundation and Never Forget Our Fallen organization in honoring the Patriot Guard Riders for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve others, and extend to its members the sincere gratitude and appreciation of the public.

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Dated this 7th day of August, 2010


Honorable Tom Berryhill
25th Assembly District


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