

# County of Nueces



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**COMMISSIONERS COURT RESOLUTION**  
**“RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HR 2372/ S 952 REGARDING**  
**THE PRESUMPTIVE BENEFITS FOR WAR FIGHTERS EXPOSED TO BURN PITS AND OTHER**  
**TOXINS ACT OF 2021”**

**WHEREAS**, during military operations in the Global War on Terror and the Gulf War, the military employed open-air burn pits in order to burn garbage, medical waste, plastics, and other waste from military installations; and

**WHEREAS**, millions of our men and women in uniform were exposed to carcinogenic toxic fumes released by burn pits that were used throughout the Middle East, North Africa, and Southwest Asia; and

**WHEREAS**, HR 2372/ SB 952, known as the Presumptive Benefits for War Fighters Exposed to Burn Pits and Other Toxins Act of 2021, would remove the cumbersome – and in many cases impossible – “burden of proof” from the veteran to provide enough evidence to establish a direct service connection between their health condition and burn pit exposure; and

**WHEREAS**, the veteran would only need to submit documentation that they received a campaign medal associated with the Global War on Terror or the Gulf War and that they suffer from a qualifying health condition streamlining the process for obtaining vital VA benefits.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF NUECES COUNTY**, that it supports HR 2372/ S 952 providing for the presumption of benefits for war fighters exposed to burn pits and other toxins.

**DULY ADOPTED BY VOTE OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF NUECES COUNTY, TEXAS, ON THIS THE 19th DAY OF MAY, 2021.**

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ATTEST:

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**KARA SANDS**, County Clerk