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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

QUILTS OF VALOR: Honoring [COUTY] Military Veterans

Unleash your creativity, share your kindness, and honor our Texas veterans and military members through the art of quilting with Quilts of Valor! Quilts of Valor (QOV) is a nationwide initiative that brings people together to create handcrafted quilts specially designed for our courageous veterans and active-duty military members. These quilts are heartfelt expressions of appreciation and love, symbolizing the deep respect we have for those who have selflessly served our country.

Texas 4-H is partnering with Quilts of Valor Under Our Wings to provide Quilts of Valor to make this happen. Whether you're a seasoned quilter or a beginner eager to learn, the Quilts of Valor program warmly welcomes youth in grades 3-12 and adults! The Quilts of Valor Sew Day Kickoff event is scheduled for [DATE], in [CITY], TX, in conjunction with the 4-H QOV Challenge! Youth in grades 3rd through 12th and adults with beginner or expertise sewing skills are invited to join the [NAME OF 4-H COUNTY/CLUB] and the 4-H Under Our Wings program to learn how to make a special quilt for a local veteran in our county. The program begins at [TIME] and you may stay, learn, and sew as long as you want!

[INFORMATION REGARDING FOOD/DRINK, SUPPLIES, AND COST OF PROGRAM]

will be provided, and you are welcome to bring [XXXXXXX]. Sewing machines and fabric will be provided at [\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$]. Register by [REGISTRATION LINK & DEADLINE] or contact the Extension office at [CONTACT NUMBER].

Quilts made will be awarded to [#] veteran(s) at the upcoming [LOCATION] on [DATE] at [TIME]. Locally, we have partnered with [NAME OF PARTNER IF APPLICABLE] to receive nominations of recipients in our county and to assist members in the quilt presentation ceremony. If you would like to nominate a deserving veteran, please contact [NAME & CONTACT INFORMATION] to receive the nomination form.

You as an individual, business, organization, or group can support this rewarding program in four ways:

1. **Participate in the QOV Sew Day** - Sew blocks, piece blocks, and/or quilt a Quilt of Valor and donate to the [NAME OF 4-H COUNTY/CLUB] to be awarded a veteran.
2. **Mentor a 4-H youth** in sewing a Quilt of Valor at the QOV Sew Day.
3. **Nominate a veteran** that lives in [COUNTY NAME] and who has either been honorably discharged, retired, or is actively serving in any branch of the military – [PROVIDE INFORMATION ON WHO TO SEND NOMINATIONS]
4. **Sponsor the fabric and supplies** needed to create a quilt by donating [\$AMOUNT – suggested \$150 to sponsor (1) complete quilt] – contact County Extension Agent, [NAME] at [NUMBER/EMAIL].

If any business or civic organization would like to assist with this project by sponsoring a quilt, please contact the [COUNTY NAME] Extension Office. [COUNTY AGENT NAME, TITLE, CONTACT INFORMATION]

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