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H.B. No. 4421

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to qualifications for and limitations on awarding the  
3 Texas Legislative Medal of Honor.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 437.351, Government Code, is amended by  
6 amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsection (e) to read as  
7 follows:

8 (d) The legislature by concurrent resolution may direct the  
9 governor to award the Texas Legislative Medal of Honor to a service  
10 member nominated by the nominating committee. The committee chairs  
11 serving on the nominating committee shall jointly prepare a  
12 concurrent resolution directing the governor to award the medal to  
13 a service member nominated. The legislature may direct the medal to  
14 be awarded only during a regular session and may not, during a  
15 regular session, direct the medal to be awarded to more than:

16 (1) one service member for service in the state or  
17 federal military forces during the period beginning after 1835 but  
18 before September 11, 2001 [~~1956~~]; and

19 (2) one service member for service in the state or  
20 federal military forces on or after September 11, 2001 [~~1955~~].

21 (e) Notwithstanding Subsections (a) and (c), the Texas  
22 Legislative Medal of Honor shall be awarded to a resident of this  
23 state who receives the Congressional Medal of Honor. A Texas  
24 Legislative Medal of Honor awarded under this subsection is not

1 included for purposes of determining the number of medals that may  
2 be awarded under Subsection (d).

3 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.