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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Richard A. Turner bravely served this state and
2 nation as a member of the United States Army during the Vietnam War,
3 and his recent receipt of the Bronze Star on July 3, 2005, on the eve
4 of the 4th of July, is a fitting acknowledgement of his remarkable
5 heroism; and

6 WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of Brady, Mr. Turner left the
7 comfort of his home to serve in the Army and became a vital member of
8 Company A, 2nd Battalion, 28th Infantry, 1st Infantry Division, in
9 Vietnam; on February 10, 1967, while participating in an ambush
10 patrol near Bau Bang, this courageous soldier helped to halt a
11 fierce counterattack on his squad; and

12 WHEREAS, Assigned a task normally given a sergeant,
13 Specialist Turner secured an ambush location and helped to pin down
14 the enemy in a surprise attack; placing himself directly in harm's
15 way, he then moved to his squad leader's location under heavy enemy
16 fire, secured a radio and called for artillery support, directed
17 reinforcements to the ambush location, and later assisted the squad
18 in the evacuation of the site; though he was seriously injured in
19 the battle, he demonstrated exceptional valor on that day that will
20 not be forgotten by those who were privileged to serve by his side;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, Americans owe an immeasurable debt to Mr. Turner and
23 to all the members of the U.S. Armed Forces, for they have been
24 called on to bear great, often unimaginable, burdens, and they have

1 served with unsurpassed bravery in defense of this nation and the
2 cause of freedom; and

3 WHEREAS, Through his unfaltering devotion to duty, honor, and
4 serving this country, Mr. Turner embodies the highest ideals of the
5 United States Army, and his efforts and sacrifice in this nation's
6 behalf indeed merit his fellow citizens' deepest respect and
7 gratitude; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
9 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby honor Richard A. Turner for
10 his heroic service in Vietnam and congratulate him on his
11 well-deserved receipt of the Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device;
12 and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for Mr. Turner as an expression of high regard by the Texas
15 House of Representatives.