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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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AN ACT

relating to awards for certain members of the state military forces  
serving on active federal military duty.

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

SECTION 1. Section 431.134, Government Code, is amended to  
read as follows:

Sec. 431.134. OTHER AWARDS. The adjutant general may adopt  
rules and regulations relating to the:

(1) Texas Faithful Service Medal, which shall be  
awarded to a member of the state military forces who has completed  
five years of honorable service during which the person has shown  
fidelity to duty, efficient service, and great loyalty to the  
state;

(2) Federal Service Medal, which shall be awarded to a  
person who was inducted into federal service from the state  
military forces between June 15, 1940, and January 1, 1946, or after  
June 1, 1950, if the service was for more than 90 days;

(3) Texas Medal of Merit, which may be presented to a  
member of the military forces of this state, another state, or the  
United States who performs outstanding service or attains  
extraordinary achievement in behalf of the state or United States;

(4) Texas Outstanding Service Medal, which may be  
presented to a member of the military forces of this state, another  
state, or the United States who has performed service in a superior

1 and clearly outstanding manner;

2 (5) Texas State Guard Service Medal, which shall be  
3 awarded to a person who completes three consecutive years of  
4 honorable service in the Texas State Guard during which the person  
5 has shown fidelity to duty, efficient service, and great loyalty to  
6 the state;

7 (6) Texas Desert Shield/Desert Storm Campaign Medal,  
8 which shall be awarded to a person who was inducted into federal  
9 service from the Texas National Guard after August 1, 1990, in  
10 support of Operation Desert Shield or Operation Desert Storm,  
11 without regard to the place that the person was deployed while  
12 serving on active federal military duty; ~~and~~

13 (7) Texas Humanitarian Service Medal, which shall be  
14 awarded to a person who:

15 (A) does not meet the criteria for an award of the  
16 federal Humanitarian Service Medal;

17 (B) is a member of the state military forces; and

18 (C) while serving under state active duty orders,  
19 participates satisfactorily in the accomplishment of missions to  
20 protect life or property during or soon after a natural disaster or  
21 civil unrest;

22 (8) Texas Cavalry Medal, which shall be awarded to a  
23 person who:

24 (A) served on or after September 11, 2001, in the  
25 124th Cavalry, Texas Army National Guard; and

26 (B) served in a hostile fire zone as designated  
27 by the United States secretary of defense;

1           (9) Texas Combat Service Ribbon, which shall be  
2 awarded to a member of the Texas National Guard who served, after  
3 September 11, 2001, in a hostile fire zone as designated by the  
4 United States secretary of defense; and

5           (10) Texas Purple Heart Medal, which shall be awarded  
6 to a person who, after September 11, 2001:

7                   (A) was inducted into federal service from the  
8 Texas National Guard; and

9                   (B) meets the criteria for an award of the  
10 federal Purple Heart Medal.

11           SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
12 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
13 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
14 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
15 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.