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1-4 Military Installations; April 4, 2005, reported favorably by the
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1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to awards for certain members of the state military forces
1-9 serving on active federal military duty.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 431.134, Government Code, is amended to
1-12 read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 431.134. OTHER AWARDS. The adjutant general may adopt
1-14 rules and regulations relating to the:

1-15 (1) Texas Faithful Service Medal, which shall be
1-16 awarded to a member of the state military forces who has completed
1-17 five years of honorable service during which the person has shown
1-18 fidelity to duty, efficient service, and great loyalty to the
1-19 state;

1-20 (2) Federal Service Medal, which shall be awarded to a
1-21 person who was inducted into federal service from the state
1-22 military forces between June 15, 1940, and January 1, 1946, or after
1-23 June 1, 1950, if the service was for more than 90 days;

1-24 (3) Texas Medal of Merit, which may be presented to a
1-25 member of the military forces of this state, another state, or the
1-26 United States who performs outstanding service or attains
1-27 extraordinary achievement in behalf of the state or United States;

1-28 (4) Texas Outstanding Service Medal, which may be
1-29 presented to a member of the military forces of this state, another
1-30 state, or the United States who has performed service in a superior
1-31 and clearly outstanding manner;

1-32 (5) Texas State Guard Service Medal, which shall be
1-33 awarded to a person who completes three consecutive years of
1-34 honorable service in the Texas State Guard during which the person
1-35 has shown fidelity to duty, efficient service, and great loyalty to
1-36 the state;

1-37 (6) Texas Desert Shield/Desert Storm Campaign Medal,
1-38 which shall be awarded to a person who was inducted into federal
1-39 service from the Texas National Guard after August 1, 1990, in
1-40 support of Operation Desert Shield or Operation Desert Storm,
1-41 without regard to the place that the person was deployed while
1-42 serving on active federal military duty; ~~and~~

1-43 (7) Texas Humanitarian Service Medal, which shall be
1-44 awarded to a person who:

1-45 (A) does not meet the criteria for an award of the
1-46 federal Humanitarian Service Medal;

1-47 (B) is a member of the state military forces; and

1-48 (C) while serving under state active duty orders,
1-49 participates satisfactorily in the accomplishment of missions to
1-50 protect life or property during or soon after a natural disaster or
1-51 civil unrest;

1-52 (8) Texas Cavalry Medal, which shall be awarded to a
1-53 person who:

1-54 (A) served on or after September 11, 2001, in the
1-55 124th Cavalry, Texas Army National Guard; and

1-56 (B) served in a hostile fire zone as designated
1-57 by the United States secretary of defense;

1-58 (9) Texas Combat Service Ribbon, which shall be
1-59 awarded to a member of the Texas National Guard who served, after
1-60 September 11, 2001, in a hostile fire zone as designated by the
1-61 United States secretary of defense; and

1-62 (10) Texas Purple Heart Medal, which shall be awarded
1-63 to a person who, after September 11, 2001:

1-64 (A) was inducted into federal service from the

2-1 Texas National Guard; and
2-2 (B) meets the criteria for an award of the
2-3 federal Purple Heart Medal.

2-4 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-5 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-6 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-7 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-8 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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