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H.B. No. 2895

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the criteria for awarding the Texas Humanitarian  
3 Service Medal to certain members of the state military forces.

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 (4) Texas Outstanding Service Medal, which may be  
23 presented to a member of the military forces of this state, another  
24 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;

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 on ~~[under]~~ state active duty or  
19 active duty under state authority in accordance with Title 32 of the  
20 United States Code ~~[orders]~~, participates satisfactorily in  
21 defense support to a mission under civilian authority ~~[the~~  
22 ~~accomplishment of missions]~~ to protect life or property during or  
23 soon after a natural disaster or civil unrest in the state;

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

26 (A) served on or after September 11, 2001, in the  
27 124th Cavalry, Texas Army National Guard; and

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

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

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

9                   (A) was inducted into federal service from the  
10 Texas National Guard; and

11                   (B) meets the criteria for an award of the  
12 federal Purple Heart Medal.

13           SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
14 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
15 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
16 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
17 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.