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H.B. No. 2896

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to an award for certain members of the state military
3 forces and civilians for superior service.

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. (a) The adjutant general may
8 adopt 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 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; and

11 (11) Texas Superior Service Medal, which shall be
12 awarded to:

13 (A) a member of the state military forces who
14 has:

15 (i) completed 30 or more years of honorable
16 state service or a combination of state and federal service; and

17 (ii) continually demonstrated superior
18 performance and service while assigned to key leadership positions
19 demanding responsibility; or

20 (B) a civilian who has contributed significant
21 service to the state military forces.

22 (b) A member of the state military forces or a civilian
23 described by Subsection (a)(11) may be awarded the Texas Superior
24 Service Medal only one time.

25 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
26 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
27 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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- 1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 2 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.