

1-1 By: Flynn (Senate Sponsor - Hinojosa) H.B. No. 2896
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 3, 2007;
1-3 May 7, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on Veteran
1-4 Affairs and Military Installations; May 18, 2007, reported
1-5 favorably by the following vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0; May 18, 2007, sent
1-6 to printer.)

1-7 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-8 AN ACT

1-9 relating to an award for certain members of the state military
1-10 forces and civilians for superior service.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Section 431.134, Government Code, is amended to
1-13 read as follows:

1-14 Sec. 431.134. OTHER AWARDS. (a) The adjutant general may
1-15 adopt rules and regulations relating to the:

1-16 (1) Texas Faithful Service Medal, which shall be
1-17 awarded to a member of the state military forces who has completed
1-18 five years of honorable service during which the person has shown
1-19 fidelity to duty, efficient service, and great loyalty to the
1-20 state;

1-21 (2) Federal Service Medal, which shall be awarded to a
1-22 person who was inducted into federal service from the state
1-23 military forces between June 15, 1940, and January 1, 1946, or after
1-24 June 1, 1950, if the service was for more than 90 days;

1-25 (3) Texas Medal of Merit, which may be presented to a
1-26 member of the military forces of this state, another state, or the
1-27 United States who performs outstanding service or attains
1-28 extraordinary achievement in behalf of the state or United States;

1-29 (4) Texas Outstanding Service Medal, which may be
1-30 presented to a member of the military forces of this state, another
1-31 state, or the United States who has performed service in a superior
1-32 and clearly outstanding manner;

1-33 (5) Texas State Guard Service Medal, which shall be
1-34 awarded to a person who completes three consecutive years of
1-35 honorable service in the Texas State Guard during which the person
1-36 has shown fidelity to duty, efficient service, and great loyalty to
1-37 the state;

1-38 (6) Texas Desert Shield/Desert Storm Campaign Medal,
1-39 which shall be awarded to a person who was inducted into federal
1-40 service from the Texas National Guard after August 1, 1990, in
1-41 support of Operation Desert Shield or Operation Desert Storm,
1-42 without regard to the place that the person was deployed while
1-43 serving on active federal military duty;

1-44 (7) Texas Humanitarian Service Medal, which shall be
1-45 awarded to a person who:

1-46 (A) does not meet the criteria for an award of the
1-47 federal Humanitarian Service Medal;

1-48 (B) is a member of the state military forces; and

1-49 (C) while serving under state active duty orders,
1-50 participates satisfactorily in the accomplishment of missions to
1-51 protect life or property during or soon after a natural disaster or
1-52 civil unrest;

1-53 (8) Texas Cavalry Medal, which shall be awarded to a
1-54 person who:

1-55 (A) served on or after September 11, 2001, in the
1-56 124th Cavalry, Texas Army National Guard; and

1-57 (B) served in a hostile fire zone as designated
1-58 by the United States secretary of defense;

1-59 (9) Texas Combat Service Ribbon, which shall be
1-60 awarded to a member of the Texas National Guard who served, after
1-61 September 11, 2001, in a hostile fire zone as designated by the
1-62 United States secretary of defense; ~~and~~

1-63 (10) Texas Purple Heart Medal, which shall be awarded
1-64 to a person who, after September 11, 2001:

2-1 (A) was inducted into federal service from the
2-2 Texas National Guard; and

2-3 (B) meets the criteria for an award of the
2-4 federal Purple Heart Medal; and

2-5 (11) Texas Superior Service Medal, which shall be
2-6 awarded to:

2-7 (A) a member of the state military forces who
2-8 has:

2-9 (i) completed 30 or more years of honorable
2-10 state service or a combination of state and federal service; and

2-11 (ii) continually demonstrated superior
2-12 performance and service while assigned to key leadership positions
2-13 demanding responsibility; or

2-14 (B) a civilian who has contributed significant
2-15 service to the state military forces.

2-16 (b) A member of the state military forces or a civilian
2-17 described by Subsection (a)(11) may be awarded the Texas Superior
2-18 Service Medal only one time.

2-19 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-20 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-21 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-22 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-23 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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