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H.B. No. 2897

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to an award for certain members of the state military
3 forces who served in defense support to a civilian authority
4 mission.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 state, or the United States who has performed service in a superior
2 and clearly outstanding manner;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

27 (B) served in a hostile fire zone as designated

1 by the United States secretary of defense;

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

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

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

10 (B) meets the criteria for an award of the
11 federal Purple Heart Medal; and

12 (11) Texas Homeland Defense Service Medal, which shall
13 be awarded to a member of the state military forces who served:

14 (A) on or after September 11, 2001;

15 (B) on state active duty or active duty under
16 state authority in accordance with Title 32 of the United States
17 Code; and

18 (C) satisfactorily in defense support to a
19 mission in the state under civilian authority.

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