

1-1 By: Flynn (Senate Sponsor - Hinojosa) H.B. No. 2897  
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,  
1-6 sent 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 who served in defense support to a civilian authority  
1-11 mission.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Section 431.134, Government Code, is amended to  
1-14 read as follows:

1-15 Sec. 431.134. OTHER AWARDS. The adjutant general may adopt  
1-16 rules and regulations relating to the:

1-17 (1) Texas Faithful Service Medal, which shall be  
1-18 awarded to a member of the state military forces who has completed  
1-19 five years of honorable service during which the person has shown  
1-20 fidelity to duty, efficient service, and great loyalty to the  
1-21 state;

1-22 (2) Federal Service Medal, which shall be awarded to a  
1-23 person who was inducted into federal service from the state  
1-24 military forces between June 15, 1940, and January 1, 1946, or after  
1-25 June 1, 1950, if the service was for more than 90 days;

1-26 (3) Texas Medal of Merit, which may be presented to a  
1-27 member of the military forces of this state, another state, or the  
1-28 United States who performs outstanding service or attains  
1-29 extraordinary achievement in behalf of the state or United States;

1-30 (4) Texas Outstanding Service Medal, which may be  
1-31 presented to a member of the military forces of this state, another  
1-32 state, or the United States who has performed service in a superior  
1-33 and clearly outstanding manner;

1-34 (5) Texas State Guard Service Medal, which shall be  
1-35 awarded to a person who completes three consecutive years of  
1-36 honorable service in the Texas State Guard during which the person  
1-37 has shown fidelity to duty, efficient service, and great loyalty to  
1-38 the state;

1-39 (6) Texas Desert Shield/Desert Storm Campaign Medal,  
1-40 which shall be awarded to a person who was inducted into federal  
1-41 service from the Texas National Guard after August 1, 1990, in  
1-42 support of Operation Desert Shield or Operation Desert Storm,  
1-43 without regard to the place that the person was deployed while  
1-44 serving on active federal military duty;

1-45 (7) Texas Humanitarian Service Medal, which shall be  
1-46 awarded to a person who:

1-47 (A) does not meet the criteria for an award of the  
1-48 federal Humanitarian Service Medal;

1-49 (B) is a member of the state military forces; and

1-50 (C) while serving under state active duty orders,  
1-51 participates satisfactorily in the accomplishment of missions to  
1-52 protect life or property during or soon after a natural disaster or  
1-53 civil unrest;

1-54 (8) Texas Cavalry Medal, which shall be awarded to a  
1-55 person who:

1-56 (A) served on or after September 11, 2001, in the  
1-57 124th Cavalry, Texas Army National Guard; and

1-58 (B) served in a hostile fire zone as designated  
1-59 by the United States secretary of defense;

1-60 (9) Texas Combat Service Ribbon, which shall be  
1-61 awarded to a member of the Texas National Guard who served, after  
1-62 September 11, 2001, in a hostile fire zone as designated by the  
1-63 United States secretary of defense; ~~and~~

1-64 (10) Texas Purple Heart Medal, which shall be awarded

2-1 to a person who, after September 11, 2001:

2-2 (A) was inducted into federal service from the  
2-3 Texas National Guard; and

2-4 (B) meets the criteria for an award of the  
2-5 federal Purple Heart Medal; and

2-6 (11) Texas Homeland Defense Service Medal, which shall  
2-7 be awarded to a member of the state military forces who served:

2-8 (A) on or after September 11, 2001;

2-9 (B) on state active duty or active duty under  
2-10 state authority in accordance with Title 32 of the United States  
2-11 Code; and

2-12 (C) satisfactorily in defense support to a  
2-13 mission in the state under civilian authority.

2-14 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
2-15 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
2-16 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
2-17 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
2-18 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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