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1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Hill College has installed the Texas Medal of Honor
3 Memorial as a tribute to all native-born Texans who have received
4 that distinction, the highest award that can be bestowed on a member
5 of the United States Armed Forces; and

6 WHEREAS, Located on the campus of Hill College in front of the
7 Texas Heritage Museum, the memorial serves to enhance the mission
8 of the museum, which is to explore the experience of Texas and
9 Texans in wartime and the ways in which that experience continues to
10 affect us today; and

11 WHEREAS, Of the more than 3,400 individuals who had received
12 the Medal of Honor as of January 1, 2007, 56 were born in the Lone
13 Star State; the central shaft of the memorial highlights the valor
14 of Texans Audie Murphy and Samuel Dealey, the most decorated
15 members of the United States Army and United States Navy,
16 respectively, in World War II; and

17 WHEREAS, Among the prized holdings of the Texas Heritage
18 Museum are an extensive collection of Audie Murphy's personal
19 artifacts from World War II, the Medal of Honor that was awarded to
20 James Harris, a World War II tank commander and Hillsboro native,
21 and a large number of photographs and documents relating to other
22 Texan Medal of Honor recipients; and

23 WHEREAS, The Texas Heritage Museum plans to expand and
24 develop educational programming around the Medal of Honor memorial

1 and to invite Medal of Honor recipients to talk about and share
2 their experiences; and

3 WHEREAS, To be considered as a nominee for the Medal of Honor,
4 a man or woman must have demonstrated conspicuous gallantry and
5 intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty and at the risk of his
6 or her life; in paying solemn tribute to those Texans who have
7 exemplified the highest standards of courage, selflessness, and
8 devotion to duty, the memorial at Hill College commemorates those
9 who have earned the lasting gratitude and respect of all Americans;
10 now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas
12 hereby designate the Texas Medal of Honor Memorial at Hill College
13 as the official State Memorial to Texas-Born Medal of Honor
14 Recipients.