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S.C.R. No. 17

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

10 WHEREAS, Of the more than 3,400 individuals who had received
11 the Medal of Honor as of January 1, 2007, 56 were born in the Lone
12 Star State; the central shaft of the memorial highlights the valor
13 of Texans Audie Murphy, Samuel Dealey, and James Logan, the first
14 recipient of the Texas Legislative Medal of Honor as designated by
15 the legislature; and

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

22 WHEREAS, The Texas Heritage Museum plans to expand and
23 develop educational programming around the Medal of Honor memorial
24 and to invite Medal of Honor recipients to talk about and share

1 their experiences; and

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

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