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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Hill College has installed the Texas Medal of Honor  
2 Memorial as a tribute to all native-born Texans who have received  
3 that distinction, the highest award that can be bestowed on a member  
4 of 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 and Samuel Dealey, the most decorated  
14 members of the U.S. Army and Navy, respectively, in World War II;  
15 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 the lasting gratitude and respect of all Americans;  
9 now, therefore, be it

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