

1-1 By: Averitt S.C.R. No. 17
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 1, 2007; February 28, 2007,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Veteran Affairs and
1-4 Military Installations; April 10, 2007, reported favorably by the
1-5 following vote: Yeas 3, Nays 0; April 10, 2007, sent to printer.)

1-6 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-7 WHEREAS, Hill College has installed the Texas Medal of Honor
1-8 Memorial as a tribute to all native-born Texans who have received
1-9 that distinction, the highest award that can be bestowed on a member
1-10 of the United States Armed Forces; and

1-11 WHEREAS, Located on the campus of Hill College in front of the
1-12 Texas Heritage Museum, the memorial serves to enhance the mission
1-13 of the museum, which is to explore the experience of Texas and
1-14 Texans in wartime and the ways in which that experience continues to
1-15 affect us today; and

1-16 WHEREAS, Of the more than 3,400 individuals who had received
1-17 the Medal of Honor as of January 1, 2007, 56 were born in the Lone
1-18 Star State; the central shaft of the memorial highlights the valor
1-19 of Texans Audie Murphy and Samuel Dealey, the most decorated
1-20 members of the United States Army and United States Navy,
1-21 respectively, in World War II; and

1-22 WHEREAS, Among the prized holdings of the Texas Heritage
1-23 Museum are an extensive collection of Audie Murphy's personal
1-24 artifacts from World War II, the Medal of Honor that was awarded to
1-25 James Harris, a World War II tank commander and Hillsboro native,
1-26 and a large number of photographs and documents relating to other
1-27 Texan Medal of Honor recipients; and

1-28 WHEREAS, The Texas Heritage Museum plans to expand and
1-29 develop educational programming around the Medal of Honor memorial
1-30 and to invite Medal of Honor recipients to talk about and share
1-31 their experiences; and

1-32 WHEREAS, To be considered as a nominee for the Medal of Honor,
1-33 a man or woman must have demonstrated conspicuous gallantry and
1-34 intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty and at the risk of his
1-35 or her life; in paying solemn tribute to those Texans who have
1-36 exemplified the highest standards of courage, selflessness, and
1-37 devotion to duty, the memorial at Hill College commemorates those
1-38 who have earned the lasting gratitude and respect of all Americans;
1-39 now, therefore, be it

1-40 RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas
1-41 hereby designate the Texas Medal of Honor Memorial at Hill College
1-42 as the official State Memorial to Texas-Born Medal of Honor
1-43 Recipients.

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