

1-1 By: Van de Putte S.C.R. No. 77
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed May 11, 2007; May 14, 2007, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Veteran Affairs and
1-4 Military Installations; May 18, 2007, reported favorably by the
1-5 following vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0; May 18, 2007, sent to printer.)

1-6 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-7 WHEREAS, The United States armed forces confronted and
1-8 engaged the forces of international Communism continuously from the
1-9 end of World War II until the disintegration of the former Soviet
1-10 Union and the Soviet Bloc, in an extended conflict referred to as
1-11 the Cold War; and

1-12 WHEREAS, The United States of America, throughout this
1-13 prolonged period, depended upon its citizen volunteers and draftees
1-14 to perform national military service in the United States Army,
1-15 Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard to defend the United
1-16 States and its allies; and

1-17 WHEREAS, The veterans of the Cold War faithfully served our
1-18 country around the globe during a campaign of Soviet Bloc
1-19 aggression, the occupation of Eastern Europe, and the constant
1-20 threat of nuclear attack; and

1-21 WHEREAS, The defeat of the former Soviet Union and its Warsaw
1-22 Pact allies constituted the greatest success of the United States
1-23 armed forces since the end of World War II; and

1-24 WHEREAS, It is appropriate and it is time to recognize with a
1-25 service medal those Americans who honorably served in the United
1-26 States armed forces during the Cold War; and

1-27 WHEREAS, The American Defense Service Medal was awarded by
1-28 Executive Order 8808, signed by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt
1-29 on June 28, 1941, to certain active duty service members who served
1-30 between September 8, 1939, and December 7, 1941; and

1-31 WHEREAS, Modifying Executive Order 8808 to award the American
1-32 Defense Service Medal to United States armed forces military
1-33 personnel for Cold War service will honorably recognize these
1-34 deserving veterans; now, therefore, be it

1-35 RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas
1-36 hereby respectfully urge the president of the United States to
1-37 issue an executive order modifying Executive Order 8808 to award
1-38 the American Defense Service Medal to United States armed forces
1-39 military personnel who served on active duty during the period
1-40 September 2, 1945, to December 26, 1991; and, be it further

1-41 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward an
1-42 official copy of this resolution to the president of the United
1-43 States.

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