

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, U.S. Air Force Master Sergeant Ken Huhman of San
2 Antonio has been awarded two Bronze Stars with Valor for heroic
3 action in Afghanistan; and

4 WHEREAS, A 1992 graduate of Kilgore High School, Master
5 Sergeant Huhman served in the marines for four years before joining
6 the air force in 1996; he has served one tour of duty in Iraq, and he
7 has been deployed twice to Afghanistan; and

8 WHEREAS, In 2007, Master Sergeant Huhman served as a combat
9 air controller in Kandahar Province in Afghanistan, where he was
10 embedded with a U.S. Army Special Forces detachment, engaging
11 Taliban militants in the difficult mountain terrain; and

12 WHEREAS, This outstanding combat controller received his
13 first Bronze Star as a result of his actions on September 5 and 6,
14 2007, when his team was pinned down by Taliban forces; over the
15 course of a harrowing 26-hour period, during which he repeatedly
16 exposed himself to enemy fire, Master Sergeant Huhman coordinated a
17 number of successful assaults by American aircraft; the engagement
18 resulted in 41 enemy fighters killed, while no American lives were
19 lost; and

20 WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Huhman earned his second Bronze Star
21 in November 2007, when his team was conducting reconnaissance on an
22 enemy position; for 11 hours he guided attacks by fighter planes and
23 helicopter gunships, continuing to provide direction even after he
24 was temporarily blinded by the explosion of a mortar round near his

1 position; later that night, his skilled and courageous actions
2 helped eliminate a number of highly ranked Taliban leaders, making
3 the region safe for many months afterward; and

4 WHEREAS, Now a special tactics recruiting officer in San
5 Antonio, Master Sergeant Huhman embodies the highest ideals of the
6 United States armed forces, and his bravery under fire and his
7 unwavering commitment to the mission and to his comrades-in-arms
8 make him truly deserving of commendation; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
10 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate Master
11 Sergeant Ken Huhman on his receipt of two Bronze Stars with Valor
12 and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success in all
13 his endeavors; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for Master Sergeant Huhman as an expression of high regard
16 by the Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 53

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 53 was adopted by the House on July 2, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House