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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.