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H.C.R. No. 209

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, The Texas Legislative Medal of Honor was established  
2 to recognize gallant and intrepid service by a Texan in the state or  
3 federal military forces, and through his courageous actions in  
4 Vietnam, U.S. Marine Corporal Roy Cisneros of San Antonio proved  
5 himself a worthy candidate for this prestigious honor; and

6           WHEREAS, Born on February 6, 1949, Roy Cisneros attended  
7 Cenizo Park Elementary School, Truman Middle School, and Edgewood  
8 High School; following his graduation in 1967, he joined the  
9 marines and trained at Camp Pendleton, California; in December  
10 1967, he deployed to Vietnam, where he became a squad leader with  
11 Company B, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines, 3rd Marine Division  
12 (Reinforced), Fleet Marine Force; and

13           WHEREAS, On September 11, 1968, Corporal Cisneros was  
14 conducting a reconnaissance in force in Quang Tri, the northernmost  
15 province in the Republic of Vietnam, when his company came under  
16 intense small arms and automatic weapons fire from an opposing  
17 company of North Vietnamese soldiers occupying fortified positions  
18 on a hill; during the ensuing combat, Corporal Cisneros skillfully  
19 maneuvered his squad across the hazardous terrain and directed his  
20 men's fire with devastating accuracy, destroying three enemy  
21 bunkers; and

22           WHEREAS, With his squad pinned down by a heavy volume of fire  
23 from a fourth emplacement, Corporal Cisneros advanced alone and  
24 sought single-handedly to destroy the position; after firing a

1 light antitank assault weapon into the bunker, he hurled hand  
2 grenades at the defenders and then opened fire with his rifle as he  
3 aggressively continued his assault; disregarding his own safety, he  
4 was delivering an effective attack on the emplacement when he was  
5 mortally wounded; and

6 WHEREAS, The resolute determination and fighting spirit  
7 demonstrated by Corporal Cisneros inspired all who observed him,  
8 and he was instrumental in his unit's accounting for 45 North  
9 Vietnamese soldiers confirmed killed; as a result of his actions,  
10 Corporal Cisneros was posthumously awarded the Navy Cross, the  
11 second highest honor for valor that can be bestowed on a marine; and

12 WHEREAS, Through his unhesitating selflessness and his  
13 steadfast devotion to duty, honor, and this country, Corporal Roy  
14 Cisneros embodied the highest ideals of the United States Marine  
15 Corps, and he most assuredly merits the award of this state's  
16 supreme military medal; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas  
18 hereby posthumously confer the Texas Legislative Medal of Honor on  
19 U.S. Marine Corporal Roy Cisneros in tribute to his heroic service  
20 in Vietnam and express profound appreciation on behalf of all his  
21 fellow Texans; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
23 prepared for his family as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
24 House of Representatives and Senate.