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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, U.S. Marine Corporal Roy Cisneros of San Antonio  
2 performed gallant and intrepid service in the Vietnam War; and

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

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

19 WHEREAS, With his squad pinned down by a heavy volume of fire  
20 from a fourth emplacement, Corporal Cisneros advanced alone and  
21 sought single-handedly to destroy the position; after firing a  
22 light antitank assault weapon into the bunker, he hurled hand  
23 grenades at the defenders and then opened fire with his rifle as he  
24 aggressively continued his assault; disregarding his own safety, he

1 was delivering an effective attack on the emplacement when he was  
2 mortally wounded; and

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

9 WHEREAS, Through his unhesitating selflessness and his  
10 steadfast devotion to duty and this country, Corporal Roy Cisneros  
11 embodied the highest ideals of the United States Marine Corps, and  
12 his courageous efforts and immeasurable sacrifice are deserving of  
13 honor by every American; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas  
15 hereby posthumously recognize the heroic actions of U.S. Marine  
16 Corporal Roy Cisneros and express profound appreciation on behalf  
17 of all Texans; and, be it further

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