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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, United States Army Sergeant Monica Lin Brown of Lake
2 Jackson has been awarded the Silver Star for her extraordinary
3 heroism; and

4 WHEREAS, On April 25, 2007, this brave soldier, who then held
5 the rank of specialist, was serving as a military medic in
6 Afghanistan; part of a patrol convoy that came under attack by
7 insurgents, she demonstrated true courage and commitment by rushing
8 to aid wounded soldiers in a Humvee that had been hit by an
9 explosive device; and

10 WHEREAS, The insurgents targeted mortar and small-arms fire
11 on the damaged vehicle, and Specialist Brown and the wounded troops
12 she was treating faced a further threat when ammunition in the
13 burning Humvee began to detonate; in the hail of bullets and
14 shrapnel, she used her body to shield her fallen comrades as she
15 tended to their injuries; and

16 WHEREAS, Thanks to the work of Specialist Brown and other
17 members of her unit, the wounded soldiers were moved to a safer
18 location and later evacuated; in commending her achievements on the
19 battlefield, the army noted that her "bravery, unselfish actions,
20 and medical aid rendered under fire saved the lives of her comrades
21 and represents the finest traditions of heroism in combat"; and

22 WHEREAS, She was presented with the Silver Star by Vice
23 President Dick Cheney on March 20, 2008, when she was just 19 years
24 old, and she has the proud distinction of being the nation's

1 youngest recipient of that esteemed medal; and

2 WHEREAS, This seventh-generation Texan has since been
3 promoted to the rank of sergeant and is assigned to the 82nd
4 Airborne Division based at Fort Bragg, North Carolina; she intends
5 to earn a nursing degree and hopes to serve as an army officer after
6 graduation; in addition to her continuing duties in uniform, she
7 has assisted the Military Moms organization in its worthwhile
8 efforts to support U.S. soldiers; and

9 WHEREAS, Sergeant Brown's actions during combat stand as a
10 tribute to the training and preparedness being offered by the
11 United States military and to the exemplary service of so many young
12 men and women defending their nation today; and

13 WHEREAS, Though she humbly maintains that she was only doing
14 her job on that fateful April day in Afghanistan, Monica Lin Brown
15 has proven herself a true hero; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
17 Legislature hereby congratulate Sergeant Monica Lin Brown for
18 receiving the Silver Star and commend her valiant performance as a
19 member of the armed forces; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for Sergeant Brown as an expression of high regard by the
22 Texas House of Representatives.