

1-1 By: Averitt S.C.R. No. 5  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 23, 2009; March 13, 2009,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Veteran Affairs and  
1-4 Military Installations; March 30, 2009, reported adversely, with  
1-5 favorable Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 4, Nays  
1-6 0; March 30, 2009, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.C.R. No. 5 By: Huffman

1-8 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-9 WHEREAS, Hill College has installed the Texas Medal of Honor  
1-10 Memorial as a tribute to all native-born Texans who have received  
1-11 that distinction, the highest award that can be bestowed on a member  
1-12 of the United States armed forces; and

1-13 WHEREAS, Located on the campus of Hill College in front of the  
1-14 Texas Heritage Museum, the memorial serves to enhance the mission  
1-15 of the museum, which is to explore the experience of Texas and  
1-16 Texans in wartime and the ways in which that experience continues to  
1-17 affect us today; and

1-18 WHEREAS, Of the more than 3,400 individuals who had received  
1-19 the Medal of Honor as of January 1, 2009, 56 individuals were born  
1-20 in the Lone Star State; the central shaft of the memorial highlights  
1-21 the valor of Texans Audie Murphy and Samuel Dealey, the most  
1-22 decorated members of the United States Army and Navy, respectively,  
1-23 in World War II; and

1-24 WHEREAS, Among the prized holdings of the Texas Heritage  
1-25 Museum are an extensive collection of Audie Murphy's personal  
1-26 artifacts from World War II, the Medal of Honor that was awarded to  
1-27 James Harris, a World War II tank commander and Hillsboro native,  
1-28 and a large number of photographs and documents relating to other  
1-29 Texan Medal of Honor recipients; and

1-30 WHEREAS, To be considered as a nominee for the Medal of Honor,  
1-31 a man or woman must have demonstrated conspicuous gallantry and  
1-32 intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty and at the risk of his  
1-33 or her life; in paying solemn tribute to those Texans who have  
1-34 exemplified the highest standards of courage, selflessness, and  
1-35 devotion to duty, the memorial at Hill College commemorates those  
1-36 who have earned the lasting gratitude and respect of all Americans;  
1-37 now, therefore, be it

1-38 RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas  
1-39 hereby designate the Texas Medal of Honor Memorial at Hill College  
1-40 as the official State Memorial to Texas-Born Medal of Honor  
1-41 Recipients.

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