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H.C.R. No. 71

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, Corporal Cisneros also received the Military Merit
13 Medal and Gallantry Cross with Palm from the Republic of Vietnam; in
14 2009, the elementary school he attended was renamed Roy Cisneros
15 Elementary School in his honor by the Edgewood Independent School
16 District; and

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

22 RESOLVED, That the 82nd Legislature of the State of Texas
23 hereby posthumously confer the Texas Legislative Medal of Honor on
24 U.S. Marine Corporal Roy Cisneros in tribute to his heroic service
25 in Vietnam and express profound appreciation on behalf of all his
26 fellow Texans; and, be it further

27 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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1 prepared for his family as an expression of high regard by the Texas
2 House of Representatives and Senate.