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H.R. No. 315

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Retired U.S. Army Sergeant Major Turner N. McGarity  
2 was honored with a Congressional Black Caucus Veterans Braintrust  
3 Award at a ceremony in San Antonio on January 30, 2011; and

4           WHEREAS, The Veterans Braintrust Award was established by  
5 General Colin Powell in 1990 to recognize community service in the  
6 interest of African American veterans; hundreds of outstanding  
7 veterans, veteran supporters, and organizations have been honored  
8 over the past 20 years; and

9           WHEREAS, Born in San Antonio in 1947, Sergeant Major McGarity  
10 joined the U.S. Army in 1965; during the course of his exemplary  
11 26-year military career, he served stateside in Louisiana, South  
12 Carolina, Indiana, and Texas and saw duty overseas in Vietnam and  
13 Germany; for his notable efforts, he was recognized with the Legion  
14 of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation  
15 Medal, and two Overseas Service Ribbons, as well as numerous other  
16 decorations; he retired from the army in 1991; and

17           WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan went on to serve as assistant  
18 commandant of the corps of cadets at the Texas Military Institute  
19 from 1993 to 2009; he has also played an active role in the Bexar  
20 County Buffalo Soldiers Association, an organization that he now  
21 leads as president, and officiated University Interscholastic  
22 League basketball and football games for a quarter of a century; a  
23 man of strong religious faith, he has been a member of Friendship  
24 Baptist Church in San Antonio for 53 years, serving as president of

1 Usher Board No. 2 and the Joint Usher Board and as a member of the  
2 Tape Ministry and the Repair Committee; and

3 WHEREAS, Turner McGarity and his wife, Barbara Ann, take  
4 great pride in their family, which includes their children, Turner  
5 and Tanice Nicole, their daughter-in-law, Jolene, and their  
6 grandchildren, Anika, Tania, and Turner; and

7 WHEREAS, Sergeant Major Turner McGarity's dedication to his  
8 family, faith, and nation has truly enriched the lives of those  
9 around him, and he is indeed worthy of this prestigious award; now,  
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
12 Legislature hereby congratulate Sergeant Major Turner N. McGarity  
13 (Ret.) on his receipt of the Congressional Black Caucus Veterans  
14 Braintrust Award and extend to him sincere best wishes for  
15 continued success and happiness; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
17 prepared for Sergeant Major McGarity as an expression of high  
18 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.