R E S O L U T I O N

1　　　　WHEREAS, Forty-five years after demonstrating extraordinary
2　　courage under fire, Donald J. Hamilton is at last receiving the
3　　Bronze Star Medal he earned in 1966 during the Vietnam War; and
4　　　　WHEREAS, On May 17 of that year, U.S. Army Specialist
5　　Hamilton was serving as a medical aidman with Company A, 1st
6　　Battalion (Airborne), 12th Cavalry, as part of a combat operation
7　　in Vietnam; his unit and another company, outnumbered by the enemy
8　　force, were pinned down by fire and sustained heavy casualties; and
9　　　　WHEREAS, After several of his fellow medical aidmen were
10　　wounded, Specialist Hamilton continued to treat injured soldiers
11　　with no thought for his own safety, moving from one wounded man to
12　　another despite extraordinary danger from enemy fire and requests
13　　from his company commander to take cover; and
14　　　　WHEREAS, Specialist Hamilton was subsequently notified that
15　　he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with "V" device for his heroism
16　　and devotion to duty, but he never received the medal itself; now,
17　　thanks to the efforts of his family, he will have tangible proof of
18　　his distinction; and
19　　　　WHEREAS, Exemplifying the highest ideals of the U.S. Armed
20　　Forces, Donald Hamilton inspired others with his fortitude,
21　　tenacity, and valor, and the Bronze Star Medal serves as an
22　　important symbol of the nation's gratitude for his selfless actions
23　　on that fateful day; now, therefore, be it
24　　　　RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas

1 Legislature hereby congratulate Donald J. Hamilton on his long

2 overdue receipt of the Bronze Star Medal and extend to him sincere

3 appreciation for his valiant military service; and, be it further

4   RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

5 prepared for Mr. Hamilton as an expression of high regard by the

6 Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 1364

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1364 was adopted by the House on April 28, 2011, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House