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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

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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.