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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Austin McCall of Katy has
2 received the Bronze Star with Valor and the Purple Heart for his
3 exceptional bravery in combat while serving in Afghanistan; and

4 WHEREAS, A member of the elite 2nd Battalion, 75th Ranger
5 Regiment, Sergeant McCall was leading a squad in eastern
6 Afghanistan on January 5, 2010, when he received intelligence that
7 a guesthouse in a nearby compound was sheltering a group of
8 insurgents, including a suicide bomber; and

9 WHEREAS, Sergeant McCall was the first man to enter the
10 compound, and in the courtyard, he confronted an insurgent who
11 flung a grenade at him before being killed and dropping another; the
12 second grenade exploded on impact and hit the sergeant; the other
13 insurgents quickly opened fire, and despite being seriously
14 wounded, Sergeant McCall returned fire, enabling his squad to enter
15 and secure the compound, with another group of Rangers soon to
16 follow; a helicopter was summoned and arrived 30 minutes later to
17 take Sergeant McCall to a forward operating base for treatment; he
18 was later airlifted to a hospital in Germany; he returned to Fort
19 Lewis, Washington, for continued care, but at his insistence, he
20 was back with his unit in Afghanistan within a month of the
21 incident; and

22 WHEREAS, In addition to earning the Bronze Star with Valor
23 and the Purple Heart, Sergeant McCall was cited by the Department of
24 Defense as a hero; and

1 WHEREAS, A veteran of six deployments to Iraq and
2 Afghanistan, this exemplary Texan embodies the highest ideals of
3 the United States armed forces, and he has earned the lasting
4 respect and gratitude of his fellow Americans; now, therefore, be
5 it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
7 Legislature hereby honor Staff Sergeant Austin McCall for his
8 service to the nation and his courage in combat and extend to him
9 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for Sergeant McCall as an expression of high regard by the
12 Texas House of Representatives.