

1-1 By: Watson S.B. No. 356  
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1-4 Military Installations; March 21, 2011, reported favorably by the  
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1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to awards for certain members of the state military forces  
1-9 inducted into federal service in support of Operations Iraqi  
1-10 Freedom, New Dawn, and Enduring Freedom.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 431.134, Government  
1-13 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-14 (a) The adjutant general may adopt rules and regulations  
1-15 relating to the:

1-16 (1) Texas Faithful Service Medal, which shall be  
1-17 awarded to a member of the state military forces who has completed  
1-18 five years of honorable service during which the person has shown  
1-19 fidelity to duty, efficient service, and great loyalty to the  
1-20 state;

1-21 (2) Federal Service Medal, which shall be awarded to a  
1-22 person who was inducted into federal service from the state  
1-23 military forces between June 15, 1940, and January 1, 1946, or after  
1-24 June 1, 1950, if the service was for more than 90 days;

1-25 (3) Texas Medal of Merit, which may be presented to a  
1-26 member of the military forces of this state, another state, or the  
1-27 United States who performs outstanding service or attains  
1-28 extraordinary achievement in behalf of the state or United States;

1-29 (4) Texas Outstanding Service Medal, which may be  
1-30 presented to a member of the military forces of this state, another  
1-31 state, or the United States who has performed service in a superior  
1-32 and clearly outstanding manner;

1-33 (5) Texas State Guard Service Medal, which shall be  
1-34 awarded to a person who completes three consecutive years of  
1-35 honorable service in the Texas State Guard during which the person  
1-36 has shown fidelity to duty, efficient service, and great loyalty to  
1-37 the state;

1-38 (6) Texas Desert Shield/Desert Storm Campaign Medal,  
1-39 which shall be awarded to a person who was inducted into federal  
1-40 service from the Texas National Guard after August 1, 1990, in  
1-41 support of Operation Desert Shield or Operation Desert Storm,  
1-42 without regard to the place that the person was deployed while  
1-43 serving on active federal military duty;

1-44 (7) Texas Humanitarian Service Medal, which shall be  
1-45 awarded to a person who:

1-46 (A) does not meet the criteria for an award of the  
1-47 federal Humanitarian Service Medal;

1-48 (B) is a member of the state military forces; and

1-49 (C) while serving on state active duty or active  
1-50 duty under state authority in accordance with Title 32 of the United  
1-51 States Code, participates satisfactorily in defense support to a  
1-52 mission under civilian authority to protect life or property during  
1-53 or soon after a natural disaster or civil unrest in the state;

1-54 (8) Texas Cavalry Medal, which shall be awarded to a  
1-55 person who:

1-56 (A) served on or after September 11, 2001, in the  
1-57 124th Cavalry, Texas Army National Guard; and

1-58 (B) served in a hostile fire zone as designated  
1-59 by the United States secretary of defense;

1-60 (9) Texas Combat Service Ribbon, which shall be  
1-61 awarded to a member of the Texas National Guard who served, after  
1-62 September 11, 2001, in a hostile fire zone as designated by the  
1-63 United States secretary of defense;

1-64 (10) Texas Purple Heart Medal, which shall be awarded

2-1 to a person who, after September 11, 2001:  
 2-2 (A) was inducted into federal service from the  
 2-3 Texas National Guard; and  
 2-4 (B) meets the criteria for an award of the  
 2-5 federal Purple Heart Medal;  
 2-6 (11) Texas Superior Service Medal, which shall be  
 2-7 awarded to:  
 2-8 (A) a member of the state military forces who  
 2-9 has:

2-10 (i) completed 30 or more years of honorable  
 2-11 state service or a combination of state and federal service; and  
 2-12 (ii) continually demonstrated superior  
 2-13 performance and service while assigned to key leadership positions  
 2-14 demanding responsibility; or

2-15 (B) a civilian who has contributed significant  
 2-16 service to the state military forces; ~~and~~

2-17 (12) Texas Homeland Defense Service Medal, which shall  
 2-18 be awarded to a member of the state military forces who served:

2-19 (A) on or after September 11, 2001;

2-20 (B) on state active duty or active duty under  
 2-21 state authority in accordance with Title 32 of the United States  
 2-22 Code; and

2-23 (C) satisfactorily in defense support to a  
 2-24 mission in the state under civilian authority;

2-25 (13) Texas Iraqi Campaign Medal, which shall be  
 2-26 awarded to a person who was inducted into federal service from the  
 2-27 Texas National Guard, without regard to the place that the person  
 2-28 was deployed while serving on active federal military duty, after:

2-29 (A) March 19, 2003, in support of Operation Iraqi  
 2-30 Freedom; or

2-31 (B) August 31, 2010, in support of Operation New  
 2-32 Dawn; and

2-33 (14) Texas Afghanistan Campaign Medal, which shall be  
 2-34 awarded to a person who was inducted into federal service from the  
 2-35 Texas National Guard after October 6, 2001, in support of Operation  
 2-36 Enduring Freedom, without regard to the place that the person was  
 2-37 deployed while serving on active federal military duty.

2-38 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
 2-39 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
 2-40 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
 2-41 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
 2-42 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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