

1-1 By: Cortez, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Van de Putte) H.B. No. 1589
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 15, 2013;
1-3 April 17, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Veteran Affairs and Military Installations; May 9, 2013, reported
1-5 favorably by the following vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0; May 9, 2013, sent
1-6 to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9			X	
1-10	X			
1-11	X			
1-12	X			
1-13	X			

1-14 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-15 AN ACT

1-16 relating to the awarding of the Texas Legislative Medal of Honor.

1-17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-18 SECTION 1. Section 431.131(d), Government Code, is amended
1-19 to read as follows:

1-20 (d) The legislature by concurrent resolution may direct the
1-21 governor to award the Texas Legislative Medal of Honor to a person
1-22 nominated by the nominating committee. The committee chairs
1-23 serving on the nominating committee shall jointly prepare a
1-24 concurrent resolution directing the governor to award the medal to
1-25 a person nominated. The legislature may direct the medal to be
1-26 awarded only during a regular session and may not, during a regular
1-27 session, direct the medal to be awarded to more than:

1-28 (1) one person for service in the state or federal
1-29 military forces during the period beginning after 1835 but before
1-30 1956; and

1-31 (2) one person for service in the state or federal
1-32 military forces after 1955 [~~during a regular session~~].

1-33 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-34 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-35 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-36 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-37 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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