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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Texas Legislative Medal of Honor was established
2 to recognize gallant and intrepid service by a member of the state
3 or federal military forces, and U.S. Army Second Lieutenant Darryn
4 Deen Andrews proved himself a deserving recipient of this
5 prestigious award; and

6 WHEREAS, Born in Ogden, Utah, on July 3, 1975, Darryn Andrews
7 grew up in Cameron and graduated from C. H. Yoe High School, where
8 he played on the football, baseball, and basketball teams, served
9 on the student council, and participated in the UIL one-act play
10 competition; he went on to earn a bachelor's degree in business from
11 Texas Tech University and a master's degree in education
12 administration from Texas State University; and

13 WHEREAS, Ever since he was a child, Lieutenant Andrews had
14 hoped to serve his nation with the same dedication with which his
15 grandfather had served during World War II, and after the events of
16 9/11, he tried three times to enlist; the first two attempts were
17 ended by medical problems, but on his third attempt, he was
18 accepted, and in 2004, he proudly joined the U.S. Army, intending
19 to make the military his career; and

20 WHEREAS, Assigned to the 1st Battalion, 501st Parachute
21 Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 25th
22 Infantry Division, out of Fort Richardson, Alaska, Lieutenant
23 Andrews was serving his second tour of duty in Afghanistan in
24 September 2009 when his unit was attacked with an improvised

1 explosive device and a rocket-propelled grenade; with no thought
2 for his own safety, Lieutenant Andrews tackled three of his
3 comrades to protect them from being hit; he died of the wounds he
4 incurred in that act of selfless courage; and

5 WHEREAS, Through his patriotism and determination to serve
6 his country, Lieutenant Andrews had already distinguished himself
7 as an exemplary soldier, but in the end it was his willingness to
8 sacrifice himself for his brothers-in-arms that revealed his true
9 heroism and showed the strength of his warrior's heart; now,
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the 83rd Legislature of the State of Texas
12 hereby direct the governor of the State of Texas to posthumously
13 award the Texas Legislative Medal of Honor to Second Lieutenant
14 Darryn Deen Andrews in recognition of his valiant service during
15 Operation Enduring Freedom.