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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Jeffery Musgrave of Austin
2 rendered exceptional service to his country while supporting
3 Operation Enduring Freedom in Wardak Province, Afghanistan; and

4 WHEREAS, A member of the 1st Battalion, 10th Special Forces
5 Group, Staff Sergeant Musgrave was returning to camp following a
6 mission on May 17, 2010, when he and his task unit came under enemy
7 fire during a pouring rainstorm; in the first moments of the
8 engagement, Staff Sergeant Musgrave was shot three times through
9 his left arm, and yet he continued to move about and return fire;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, After emptying the clip of his M4 assault rifle,
12 Staff Sergeant Musgrave broke cover and took up a comrade's weapon
13 to continue shooting; though bleeding profusely, he exposed himself
14 to enemy fire two more times before receiving treatment from a
15 medic, and he then reentered the fight, maneuvering 300 meters
16 under fire to help two other members of his team outflank and kill
17 two enemy fighters; and

18 WHEREAS, Meanwhile, the rain had made the road treacherous,
19 and when the unit tried to leave, its vehicle got stuck in the mud;
20 with only one good arm, Staff Sergeant Musgrave jumped back into the
21 fight once again and maintained a defensive perimeter until the
22 vehicle was freed; and

23 WHEREAS, For his actions that day and for the wounds he
24 received, Staff Sergeant Musgrave was presented with the Bronze

1 Star with Valor Device, the fourth-highest award for gallantry in
2 combat, as well as with the Purple Heart at a ceremony in Stuttgart,
3 Germany, on December 6, 2011; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Georgetown, Staff Sergeant Musgrave
5 continues to serve with the Texas National Guard, and during the
6 83rd Texas Legislature, he is working as an intern in the Senate
7 Veteran Affairs and Military Installations Committee; he is also
8 taking classes at Austin Community College with the ultimate goal
9 of attending medical school; and

10 WHEREAS, Exemplifying the highest ideals of the U.S. armed
11 forces, Jeffery Musgrave inspires others with his fortitude,
12 tenacity, and courage, and it is indeed a pleasure to recognize him
13 for his service to his nation and for his heroism under fire; now,
14 therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
16 Legislature hereby commend U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Jeffery
17 Musgrave for his dedication and bravery and extend to him sincere
18 best wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for Staff Sergeant Musgrave as an expression of high
21 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.