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H.R. No. 2215

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The heroic service of U.S. Air Force Technical
2 Sergeant Placido Salazar during the Vietnam War was recognized by
3 the citizens of his hometown, La Villa, at a ceremony on April 27,
4 2013; and

5 WHEREAS, On August 21, 1965, then Airman Salazar put his own
6 life at risk to rescue two injured senior officers during a mortar
7 attack on Bien Hoa Air Base in Vietnam; even though he had been
8 wounded in the shelling, he first moved the men to safety in a
9 bunker then returned under fire to protect important classified
10 documents; Technical Sergeant Salazar was awarded the Bronze Star
11 with Valor for his courageous actions, as well as a Purple Heart for
12 the wounds he received that day; and

13 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan retired from the air force in
14 1976, after a notable 20 years in the armed forces; since that time,
15 he has become a fierce advocate for this nation's veterans; in all
16 his endeavors, he enjoys the love and support of his wife of 57
17 years, Maria de la Luz Cantu de Salazar, as well as that of his
18 children, Placido, Rogelio, Enrique, Eduardo, Norma, and Javier;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, The nation owes a profound debt of gratitude to
21 those men and women who put themselves in harm's way to defend our
22 freedom, and Technical Sergeant Placido Salazar has indeed proved
23 himself worthy to stand in the front rank of America's warriors;
24 now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
2 Legislature hereby commend Technical Sergeant Placido Salazar for
3 his heroism during the Vietnam War and extend to him sincere
4 appreciation for his selfless efforts in this nation's behalf; and,
5 be it further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for Technical Sergeant Salazar as an expression of high
8 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.