

By: Van de Putte

S.B. No. 238

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the awarding of the Texas Legislative Medal of Honor.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

4 SECTION 1. Subsection (d), Section 431.131, Government
5 Code, is amended to read as follows:

6 (d) The legislature by concurrent resolution may direct the
7 governor to award the Texas Legislative Medal of Honor to a person
8 nominated by the nominating committee. The committee chairs
9 serving on the nominating committee shall jointly prepare a
10 concurrent resolution directing the governor to award the medal to
11 a person nominated. The legislature may direct the medal to be
12 awarded only during a regular session and may not, during a regular
13 session, direct the medal to be awarded to more than:

14 (1) one person for service in the state or federal
15 military forces during the period beginning after 1835 but before
16 1956; and

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

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