

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 801**

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to honor United States Air Force veteran Placido Salazar, who was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with Valor and the Purple Heart and has been recognized in a ceremony in his hometown of La Villa, Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, This exemplary war hero received the medals due to his heroism in defense of the Bien Hoa Air Base in the Republic of Vietnam during the Vietnam War; on April 27, 2013, he was honored by his fellow Texans; and

**WHEREAS**, On the night of August 21, 1965, Airman First Class Salazar acted selflessly when the air base was bombarded; while he was on duty at the detachment command post, Airman Salazar ran past the safety of the bunker to assist two senior officers who were still in their mobile quarters and heavily sedated, and he remained in the target area until the officers were moved to safety; and

**WHEREAS**, Still under fire, Airman Salazar then proceeded to the command post, which contained highly classified documents, and guarded it against entry; during the attack, approximately 300 enemy shells exploded and 29 personnel, including Airman Salazar, were wounded and two airmen were killed; and

**WHEREAS**, For his uncommon valor, the Texas veteran has received a prestigious honor bestowed by the United States military; his unwavering dedication to duty and his loyalty to his fellow airmen are indeed praiseworthy, and he is highly deserving of recognition; now, therefore, be it

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**RESOLVED,** That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby pay tribute to retired United States Air Force veteran Placido Salazar, who was awarded the Purple Heart and who earned the Bronze Star Medal with Valor for his heroism and extend to him sincere appreciation for his courageous actions; and, be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for Placido Salazar as an expression of highest esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 1, 2013.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate