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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, U.S. Army Sergeant (Ret.) Santiago Jesse Erevia
2 distinguished himself through his heroic action in Vietnam on May
3 21, 1969, and for his exceptional valor that day, he has been
4 awarded the Medal of Honor; and

5 WHEREAS, A native of Nordheim, Santiago Erevia was born in
6 1946 and came of age during the Vietnam War; he enlisted in the army
7 at the age of 22 and served in that conflict as a radio-telephone
8 operator with the 101st Airborne Division; and

9 WHEREAS, During a search-and-clear mission near Tam Ky,
10 Vietnam, the platoon leader assigned then-Specialist Four Erevia
11 the task of staying behind to administer first aid to a number of
12 injured soldiers while the rest of the unit continued on; as
13 Specialist Erevia did so, he came under hostile fire from four
14 bunkers to his left front; rather than take cover, this courageous
15 Texan crawled in full view of his attackers to gather ammunition
16 from his wounded compatriots; he then charged directly at the
17 bunkers and dispatched the enemy combatants, saving the lives of
18 the men in his care; his valiant actions in the face of overwhelming
19 odds was a source of inspiration for his entire company and
20 contributed greatly to the completion of their mission; and

21 WHEREAS, In addition to receiving the Medal of Honor on March
22 18, 2014, Sergeant Erevia has been recognized with the Bronze Star
23 Medal, the Purple Heart, the Air Medal, the Army Commendation
24 Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, and the Vietnam Service

1 Medal with five bronze service stars; and

2 WHEREAS, Sergeant Erevia left active duty in 1970 but went on
3 to serve another 17 years as a member of the Texas National Guard;
4 now a retired postal service worker, he lives with his wife in San
5 Antonio and is the father of four grown children; and

6 WHEREAS, Through his unhesitating selflessness and his
7 unfaltering devotion to duty, honor, and his country, Sergeant
8 Santiago Erevia has embodied the highest ideals of the U.S. armed
9 forces, and he is deserving of the deep and lasting gratitude of
10 every American; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
12 Legislature hereby congratulate Sergeant Santiago Jesse Erevia on
13 his receipt of the Medal of Honor and extend to him sincere best
14 wishes for the future; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for Sergeant Erevia as an expression of high regard by the
17 Texas House of Representatives.