RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Medal of Honor exhibit at the State Capitol in 2 Austin is being expanded to include recognition of recipients of

the Texas Legislative Medal of Honor, the state's highest military

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WHEREAS, In November 2014, the State Preservation Board 5 opened Above and Beyond: The Medal of Honor in Texas on the ground 6 7 floor of the State Capitol; this handsome exhibition features 91 winners of the Medal of Honor who were born or who entered service 8 9 in Texas; supplementing the physical display is the Capitol's mobile tour platform, which allows visitors to scan the display's 10 11 QR code with a smartphone or other mobile device and access 12 additional information via the Internet about each Medal of Honor

winner, including images, video, and text; and

14 WHEREAS, In the near future, the recipients of the Texas Legislative Medal of Honor will also be featured in 15 16 exhibition's digital component; the Legislative Medal of Honor is awarded to a member of the federal or state armed forces who was 17 born or who has resided in the state and who has demonstrated 18 "extraordinary merit," "voluntarily perform[ing] a deed 19 20 personal bravery or self-sacrifice involving risk of life that is 21 so conspicuous as to clearly distinguish the service member for gallantry and intrepidity"; the medal's recipients so far include 22 23 soldiers and marines who exhibited uncommon courage in combat during World War II, the Vietnam War, and the war in Afghanistan; 24

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WHEREAS, Eventually, tablet computers will be available at 2 the display in the Capitol, allowing visitors without mobile 3 devices to access the digital component; the State Preservation 4 5 Board is also updating its website to incorporate this same information, which will later become part of a comprehensive 6 digital app; in time, the section about the Texas Legislative Medal 7 8 of Honor will include video of recipients or their families receiving the medal from the Texas Legislature, as well as 9 10 interviews with recipients, their families, and sponsoring 11 legislators; and

WHEREAS, This exciting, state-of-the-art initiative by the State Preservation Board will allow visitors to the Capitol and people around the world the opportunity to learn the history of the Texas Legislative Medal of Honor and the inspiring stories of its recipients, and it helps pay proper tribute to those brave members of our armed forces who have earned that notable accolade; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
Legislature hereby celebrate the recognition of recipients of the
Texas Legislative Medal of Honor in the State Capitol Medal of Honor
exhibit and extend to the staff of the State Preservation Board
sincere gratitude for their exceptional work on this project; and,
be it further

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- 1 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 2 prepared for the State Preservation Board as an expression of high
- 3 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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Chief Clerk of the House

2015, by a non-record vote.