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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Medal of Honor exhibit at the State Capitol in
2 Austin is being expanded to include recognition of recipients of
3 the Texas Legislative Medal of Honor, the state's highest military
4 award; and

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

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

1 and

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

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

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

25 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
26 prepared for the State Preservation Board as an expression of high
27 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.