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H.C.R. No. 56

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Purple Heart is a combat decoration awarded to
2 members of the United States armed forces who are wounded by an
3 instrument of war in the hands of the enemy or presented to the next
4 of kin in the name of those who are killed in action or die of wounds
5 received in action; and

6 WHEREAS, In 1932, the Military Order of the Purple Heart was
7 established to protect and further the interests of Purple Heart
8 recipients; its membership remains composed entirely of Purple
9 Heart recipients; and

10 WHEREAS, Texas is home to 1.5 million veterans, representing
11 5 percent of the nation's total veteran population; the state has 29
12 Purple Heart cities, 4 Purple Heart counties, and 9 Purple Heart
13 universities, which have all committed to recognizing veterans and
14 honoring their commitments to veterans services; in addition, Texas
15 is home to Henry T. Waskow New Tech High School in Belton, the first
16 high school in the nation to earn a Purple Heart School designation,
17 and to Purple Heart Elementary School in El Paso; and

18 WHEREAS, Numerous Texas agencies provide services to benefit
19 former members of the military, including the Texas Veterans
20 Commission, Texas Veterans Land Board, Office of the Adjutant
21 General, Texas Health and Human Services Commission, State Bar of
22 Texas, Department of State Health Services, Department of Assistive
23 and Rehabilitative Services, Texas Workforce Commission, Texas
24 Workforce Investment Council, Texas Higher Education Coordinating

1 Board, Texas Correctional Office on Offenders with Medical or
2 Mental Impairments, Texas Commission on Jail Standards, Texas
3 Department of Housing and Community Affairs, and Texas Department
4 of Agriculture; and

5 WHEREAS, The State of Texas is dedicated to improving the
6 lives of its veterans with the highest standard of services, and it
7 acknowledges the enormous sacrifices made by recipients of the
8 Purple Heart; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the 85th Legislature of the State of Texas
10 hereby recognize Texas as a Purple Heart State; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the Texas Legislature encourage agencies and
12 government bodies at all levels to serve veterans with the same
13 degree of devotion demonstrated by members of the armed forces in
14 their service to our state and nation.