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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The heroic military service of Roger Valentine was
2 recognized by Alaniz-Valentine Chapter 598 of the Military Order of
3 the Purple Heart at a ceremony aboard the USS *Lexington* in Corpus
4 Christi on February 28, 2017; and

5 WHEREAS, One of our nation's highest military commendations,
6 the Purple Heart is awarded to members of the U.S. armed forces who
7 have been wounded or killed in combat; the Military Order of the
8 Purple Heart is a veterans organization founded in 1932 that draws
9 its membership from individuals who have received the medal; and

10 WHEREAS, U.S. Army Private First Class Roger Valentine was
11 killed on March 2, 1991, during the Gulf War, and he was
12 posthumously honored with the Purple Heart; in February 1992,
13 Chapter 598 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart was founded
14 and named for Private Valentine and Specialist Andy Alaniz, who
15 died three days earlier in the same conflict; and

16 WHEREAS, At the ceremony in Corpus Christi, Private Valentine
17 and Specialist Alaniz were recognized along with 16 living Purple
18 Heart recipients; among those paying tribute to the honorees were
19 Brigadier General James Mobley, Vietnam veteran J. R. Pena, and the
20 color guard of the W. B. Ray High School Naval Junior ROTC, along
21 with Lieutenant General Marc Cisneros, who accepted Private
22 Valentine's recognition in behalf of the Valentine family; and

23 WHEREAS, For his selfless efforts and immeasurable
24 sacrifice, Americans owe Roger Valentine a debt of gratitude that

1 time cannot erase, and his memory will long endure in the hearts of
2 all those who were privileged to share in his love and friendship;
3 now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
5 Legislature hereby honor U.S. Army Private First Class Roger
6 Valentine on the occasion of his recognition by Alaniz-Valentine
7 Chapter 598 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart; and, be it
8 further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for the family of Private Valentine as an expression of
11 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.