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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The heroic military service of Andy Alaniz 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 Specialist Andy Alaniz was killed on
11 February 27, 1991, during the Gulf War, and he was posthumously
12 honored with the Purple Heart; in February 1992, Chapter 598 of the
13 Military Order of the Purple Heart was founded and named for
14 Specialist Alaniz and Private Roger Valentine, who died three days
15 later in the same conflict; and

16 WHEREAS, At the ceremony in Corpus Christi, Specialist Alaniz
17 and Private Valentine 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; and

21 WHEREAS, For his selfless efforts and immeasurable
22 sacrifice, Americans owe Andy Alaniz a debt of gratitude that time
23 cannot erase, and his memory will long endure in the hearts of all
24 those who were privileged to share in his love and friendship; now,

1 therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
3 Legislature hereby honor U.S. Army Specialist Andy Alaniz on the
4 occasion of his recognition by Alaniz-Valentine Chapter 598 of the
5 Military Order of the Purple Heart; and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for the family of Specialist Alaniz as an expression of
8 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.