

By: Herrero

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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The heroic military service of Arnold P. Leal 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, Purple Heart recipient Arnold P. Leal served his
11 nation in Vietnam as a member of the U.S. Marine Corps, and he was
12 wounded in action on August 11, 1968; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Leal was one of 16 living Purple Heart
14 recipients who were recognized at the ceremony in Corpus Christi,
15 along with two others who lost their lives in the line of duty;
16 among those paying tribute to the honorees were Brigadier General
17 James Mobley, Vietnam veteran J. R. Pena, and the color guard of the
18 W. B. Ray High School Naval Junior ROTC; and

19 WHEREAS, Americans owe a profound debt of gratitude to Arnold
20 P. Leal for putting himself in harm's way to defend our freedom, and
21 his selfless efforts are a source of inspiration for all who know
22 him; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
24 Legislature hereby honor Arnold P. Leal on the occasion of his

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1 recognition by Alaniz-Valentine Chapter 598 of the Military Order
2 of the Purple Heart and commend him for his sacrifice in behalf of
3 our nation; and, be it further

4 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
5 prepared for Mr. Leal as an expression of high regard by the Texas
6 House of Representatives.