

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The heroic military service of Skyler J. E. Barker
2 was recognized by Alaniz-Valentine Chapter 598 of the Military
3 Order of the Purple Heart at a ceremony aboard the USS *Lexington* in
4 Corpus 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 Skyler J. E. Barker served
11 his nation in Iraq and Afghanistan as a member of the U.S. Marine
12 Corps, and he was wounded in action on December 6, 2006; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Barker 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 Skyler
20 J. E. Barker for putting himself in harm's way to defend our
21 freedom, and his selfless efforts are a source of inspiration for
22 all who know him; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
24 Legislature hereby honor Skyler J. E. Barker 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. Barker as an expression of high regard by the Texas
6 House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1151 was adopted by the House on April 6, 2017, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House