

1-1 By: Lucio S.B. No. 2291  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed May 1, 2017; May 3, 2017, read first  
 1-3 time and referred to Committee on Veteran Affairs & Border  
 1-4 Security; May 11, 2017, reported favorably by the following vote:  
 1-5 Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 11, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Campbell	X			
1-8 Huffines	X			
1-9 Buckingham			X	
1-10 Hall	X			
1-11 Lucio	X			
1-12 Rodríguez	X			
1-13 Uresti	X			

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to the Texas Medal for the Defense of Freedom award.  
 1-18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:  
 1-19 SECTION 1. Section 437.355(a), Government Code, as amended  
 1-20 by Chapters 144 (H.B. 115) and 760 (H.B. 2108), Acts of the 84th  
 1-21 Legislature, Regular Session, 2015, is reenacted and amended to  
 1-22 read as follows:  
 1-23 (a) The governor or adjutant general, if delegated the  
 1-24 authority, may adopt policies and regulations relating to awarding:  
 1-25 (1) the Texas Purple Heart Medal, which shall be  
 1-26 awarded to a service member who:  
 1-27 (A) after September 11, 2001:  
 1-28 (i) was inducted into federal service from  
 1-29 the Texas National Guard; and  
 1-30 (ii) meets the criteria for an award of the  
 1-31 federal Purple Heart Medal; or  
 1-32 (B) was wounded or killed at Fort Hood on  
 1-33 November 5, 2009;  
 1-34 (2) the Texas Superior Service Medal, which shall be  
 1-35 awarded to:  
 1-36 (A) a service member of the Texas military forces  
 1-37 who has:  
 1-38 (i) completed 30 or more years of honorable  
 1-39 state service or a combination of state and federal service; and  
 1-40 (ii) continually demonstrated superior  
 1-41 performance and service while assigned to key leadership positions  
 1-42 demanding responsibility; or  
 1-43 (B) a civilian who has contributed significant  
 1-44 service to the Texas military forces;  
 1-45 (3) the Lone Star Distinguished Service Medal, which  
 1-46 shall be awarded to a member of the military forces of this state,  
 1-47 another state, or the United States for exceptionally outstanding  
 1-48 achievement or service to this state in performance of a duty of  
 1-49 great responsibility while serving with the Texas military forces  
 1-50 for whom the department receives a letter of recommendation for  
 1-51 award of the Lone Star Distinguished Service Medal that:  
 1-52 (A) gives an account of the exceptional  
 1-53 achievement or service; and  
 1-54 (B) includes facts and photographs, and extracts  
 1-55 from official documents to support and amplify the facts;  
 1-56 (4) the Texas Outstanding Service Medal, which shall  
 1-57 be awarded to a service member of the military forces of this state,  
 1-58 another state, or the United States who has performed service in a  
 1-59 superior and clearly outstanding manner;  
 1-60 (5) the Texas Humanitarian Service Medal, which shall  
 1-61 be awarded to a service member who:

2-1 (A) does not meet the criteria for an award of the  
 2-2 federal Humanitarian Service Medal;  
 2-3 (B) is a member of the Texas military forces; and  
 2-4 (C) while serving on state active duty or active  
 2-5 duty under state authority in accordance with Title 32, United  
 2-6 States Code, participates satisfactorily in defense support to a  
 2-7 mission under civilian authority to protect life or property during  
 2-8 or soon after a natural disaster or civil unrest in the state;  
 2-9 (6) the Texas Homeland Defense Service Medal, which  
 2-10 shall be awarded to a service member of the Texas military forces  
 2-11 who served:  
 2-12 (A) on or after September 11, 2001;  
 2-13 (B) on state active duty or active duty under  
 2-14 state authority in accordance with Title 32, United States Code;  
 2-15 and  
 2-16 (C) satisfactorily in defense support to a  
 2-17 mission in the state under civilian authority;  
 2-18 (7) the Federal Service Medal, which shall be awarded  
 2-19 to a service member who was inducted into federal service from the  
 2-20 Texas military forces between June 15, 1940, and January 1, 1946, or  
 2-21 after June 1, 1950, if the service was for more than 90 days;  
 2-22 (8) the Texas Combat Service Ribbon, which shall be  
 2-23 awarded to a service member of the Texas National Guard who served,  
 2-24 after September 11, 2001, in a hostile fire zone as designated by  
 2-25 the United States secretary of defense;  
 2-26 (9) the Texas Faithful Service Medal, which shall be  
 2-27 awarded to a member of the Texas military forces who has completed  
 2-28 five years of honorable service during which the service member has  
 2-29 shown fidelity to duty, efficient service, and great loyalty to  
 2-30 this state;  
 2-31 (10) the Texas Medal of Merit, which shall be awarded  
 2-32 to a member of the military forces of this state, another state, or  
 2-33 the United States who performs outstanding service or attains  
 2-34 extraordinary achievement in behalf of the state or United States;  
 2-35 (11) the Texas State Guard Service Medal, which shall  
 2-36 be awarded to a service member who completes three consecutive  
 2-37 years of honorable service in the Texas State Guard during which the  
 2-38 service member has shown fidelity to duty, efficient service, and  
 2-39 great loyalty to this state;  
 2-40 (12) the Texas Desert Shield/Desert Storm Campaign  
 2-41 Medal, which shall be awarded to a service member who was inducted  
 2-42 into federal service from the Texas National Guard after August 1,  
 2-43 1990, in support of Operation Desert Shield or Operation Desert  
 2-44 Storm, without regard to the place that the service member was  
 2-45 deployed while serving on active federal military duty;  
 2-46 (13) the Texas Iraqi Campaign Medal, which shall be  
 2-47 awarded to a service member who was inducted into federal service  
 2-48 from the Texas National Guard, without regard to the place that the  
 2-49 service member was deployed while serving on active federal  
 2-50 military duty, after:  
 2-51 (A) March 19, 2003, in support of Operation Iraqi  
 2-52 Freedom; or  
 2-53 (B) August 31, 2010, in support of Operation New  
 2-54 Dawn;  
 2-55 (14) the Texas Afghanistan Campaign Medal, which shall  
 2-56 be awarded to a service member who was inducted into federal service  
 2-57 from the Texas National Guard after October 6, 2001, in support of  
 2-58 Operation Enduring Freedom, without regard to the place that the  
 2-59 service member was deployed while serving on active federal  
 2-60 military duty; ~~and~~  
 2-61 (15) the Cold War Medal, which, subject to Subsection  
 2-62 (c), shall be awarded to a member of the military forces of this  
 2-63 state or the United States who:  
 2-64 (A) served between September 2, 1945, and  
 2-65 December 26, 1991; and  
 2-66 (B) was a resident of this state at the time the  
 2-67 service member entered military service; and  
 2-68 (16) the Texas Medal for the Defense of Freedom, which  
 2-69 shall be awarded to any civilian who is killed or wounded by hostile

3-1 action while serving under any competent authority of the  
3-2 department under conditions for which a service member would be  
3-3 eligible for receipt of the Texas Purple Heart Medal.

3-4 SECTION 2. To the extent of any conflict, this Act prevails  
3-5 over another Act of the 85th Legislature, Regular Session, 2017,  
3-6 relating to nonsubstantive additions to and corrections in enacted  
3-7 codes.

3-8 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

3-9

\* \* \* \* \*