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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The valiant military service of Charles Chris Hagemeister is being saluted as part of the 2019 Medal of Honor Host City Weekend in Gainesville; and

WHEREAS, Established in 2001, Gainesville's Medal of Honor Host City Program acknowledges the heroism and sacrifice of individuals who have earned the Medal of Honor, the nation's highest military award for valor; each year, local citizens join together to fund travel costs and other expenses to bring medal recipients to the city for a special series of events; and

WHEREAS, A veteran of the U.S. Army, Charles Hagemeister served during the Vietnam War as a specialist fourth class with the 1st Cavalry Division; his platoon came under heavy attack during combat operations, and he raced through a hail of enemy fire to render lifesaving medical aid to his wounded comrades; threatened by sniper attack while trying to evacuate his fellow fighters, he returned fire, killing four enemy soldiers and then once more braving a barrage of bullets as he sought help from a nearby platoon; repeatedly risking his own life in the process, he carried many comrades to safety; and

WHEREAS, Demonstrating extraordinary courage in the line of duty, Charles Chris Hagemeister fulfilled the highest ideals of the United States armed forces, and he has earned the lasting admiration of a grateful nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 86th Legislature of the State of Texas hereby pay tribute to Charles Chris Hagemeister on the occasion of the 2019 Medal of Honor Host City Weekend in Gainesville and commend him for his exemplary service in the defense of our nation; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for Mr. Hagemeister as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives and Senate.