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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The valiant military service of Clarence Eugene Sasser 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, U.S. Army Specialist Fifth Class Clarence Sasser received the Medal of Honor for his actions during the Vietnam War while serving as a medical aidman with the Headquarters Company of the 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry, 9th Infantry Division; after his unit suffered more than 30 casualties in the first few minutes of an air assault on a heavily fortified enemy position, Specialist Sasser gallantly ran across an open rice paddy amid a hail of bullets to tend to the injured; he continued to provide urgently needed treatment under intense fire even after being badly wounded himself in both legs and his left shoulder; he ultimately cared for a group of comrades for five hours in desperate circumstances before they were all evacuated; and

WHEREAS, Demonstrating extraordinary courage in the line of duty, Clarence Eugene Sasser 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 Clarence Eugene Sasser 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. Sasser as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives and Senate.