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By:  Springer H.C.R. No. 103

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The valiant military service of Harold A. Fritz 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, Captain Harold Fritz served during the Vietnam War as a first lieutenant in Troop A, 1st Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment; seriously wounded when the armored column he was leading came under intense fire, he exhibited exceptional selflessness as the platoon leader, tending to and encouraging his injured comrades; he subsequently manned a machine gun to protect the enemy-surrounded convoy and then, armed only with a pistol and bayonet, led a daring charge that routed the enemy combatants; after directing the deployment of a relief force, he refused medical attention until all of the wounded soldiers in his unit had been treated and evacuated; and

WHEREAS, Demonstrating extraordinary courage in the line of duty, Harold Fritz 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 Harold A. Fritz 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. Fritz as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives and Senate.