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By:  Springer H.C.R. No. 104

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The valiant military service of Hershel Woodrow Williams 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. Marine Corps Corporal "Woody" Williams earned his Medal of Honor at the Battle of Iwo Jima during World War II, as a member of the 21st Marines, 3rd Marine Division; for four desperate hours on February 23, 1945, he personally eliminated a number of reinforced concrete enemy pillboxes, destroying one after another with demolition charges or killing their defenders at close range with a flamethrower, all while under heavy fire; and

WHEREAS, Demonstrating extraordinary courage in the line of duty, Hershel Woodrow Williams 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 Hershel Woodrow Williams 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. Williams as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives and Senate.