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By:  Springer H.C.R. No. 116

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The valiant military service of Walter Joseph Marm Jr. 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 Second Lieutenant Walter Marm earned his Medal of Honor during the Vietnam War, when he was a platoon leader with the 1st Cavalry Division; during an operation to relieve a friendly unit that was surrounded by the enemy, his platoon came under withering fire; after killing four enemy soldiers, he single-handedly attacked a concealed machine gun, first with an antitank weapon and then by charging it across 30 meters of open ground and lobbing hand grenades; finally, despite being wounded, he continued to use his rifle until he had killed all eight of the enemy soldiers manning the gun; and

WHEREAS, Demonstrating extraordinary courage in the line of duty, Walter Marm 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 Walter Joseph Marm Jr. 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. Marm as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives and Senate.