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H.C.R. No. 95

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The valiant military service of Britt K. Slabinski
2 is being saluted as part of the 2019 Medal of Honor Host City
3 Weekend in Gainesville; and

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

10 WHEREAS, A senior chief with the Naval Special Warfare
11 Development Group, Mr. Slabinski received the Medal of Honor for
12 his actions on March 4, 2002, while assigned to a joint task force
13 during the war in Afghanistan; Mr. Slabinski was leading a
14 reconnaissance mission in the mountains when the insertion
15 helicopter was damaged by enemy fire, causing a member of the team
16 to be ejected from the aircraft; Mr. Slabinski fearlessly launched
17 an assault to rescue the teammate; exposed to attack from three
18 directions, he and his team engaged the enemy in a close-quarters
19 firefight; Mr. Slabinski carried a wounded teammate across
20 difficult terrain while drawing fire from the enemy and continued
21 the fight until the location had been secured and the team was
22 extracted; and

23 WHEREAS, Demonstrating extraordinary courage in the line of
24 duty, Britt Slabinski fulfilled the highest ideals of the United

1 States armed forces, and he has earned the lasting admiration of a
2 grateful nation; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the 86th Legislature of the State of Texas
4 hereby pay tribute to Britt K. Slabinski on the occasion of the 2019
5 Medal of Honor Host City Weekend in Gainesville and commend him for
6 his exemplary service in the defense of our nation; and, be it
7 further

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