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H.C.R. No. 97

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

22 WHEREAS, Demonstrating extraordinary courage in the line of
23 duty, Clarence Eugene Sasser fulfilled the highest ideals of the
24 United States armed forces, and he has earned the lasting

1 admiration of a grateful nation; now, therefore, be it

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

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