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H.C.R. No. 101

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The valiant military service of Gary Michael Rose is
2 being saluted as part of the 2019 Medal of Honor Host City Weekend
3 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, Gary Michael Rose was a sergeant in the U.S. Army
11 during the Vietnam War; a medic, he served with a company-sized
12 exploitation force, the 5th Special Forces Group, 1st Special
13 Forces; from September 11 to 14, 1970, his company was continuously
14 engaged by a well-armed and much larger hostile force; repeatedly
15 exposed to heavy fire while treating the wounded, he was injured
16 himself when a B-40 rocket landed just meters away; nevertheless,
17 he carried on, rendering aid and trying to assist during a
18 helicopter rescue attempt that had to be aborted under an
19 unrelenting assault; and

20 WHEREAS, For two days, Sergeant Rose continued to brave enemy
21 fire to help the wounded; when the extraction helicopters arrived,
22 he loaded injured comrades, moved others awaiting evacuation, and
23 assisted in keeping the hostile force at bay; aboard the final
24 helicopter, as the enemy closed in, he saved the life of the door

1 gunner; he was injured again when the chopper crashed, but he pulled
2 others from the burning wreckage and administered aid until another
3 helicopter arrived; and

4 WHEREAS, Demonstrating extraordinary courage in the line of
5 duty, Gary Michael Rose fulfilled the highest ideals of the United
6 States armed forces, and he has earned the lasting admiration of a
7 grateful nation; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the 86th Legislature of the State of Texas
9 hereby pay tribute to Gary Michael Rose on the occasion of the 2019
10 Medal of Honor Host City Weekend in Gainesville and commend him for
11 his exemplary service in the defense of our nation; and, be it
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for Mr. Rose as an expression of high regard by the Texas
15 House of Representatives and Senate.