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H.C.R. No. 108

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The valiant military service of John P. Baca 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, A veteran of the United States Army, John Baca  
11 served during the Vietnam War as a specialist fourth class with  
12 Company D, 1st Battalion, 12th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division; while  
13 on a night ambush mission, he realized that a platoon from his  
14 company was under attack, and he led his recoilless rifle team  
15 through a hail of enemy fire to come to their aid; a fragmentation  
16 grenade was thrown into their midst, and without regard for his own  
17 safety, he covered it with his steel helmet and fell on it as it  
18 exploded, absorbing the lethal fragments and concussion; his  
19 gallant and selfless action saved eight men from certain death or  
20 grave injury; and

21 WHEREAS, Demonstrating extraordinary courage in the line of  
22 duty, John Baca fulfilled the highest ideals of the United States  
23 armed forces, and he has earned the lasting admiration of a grateful  
24 nation; now, therefore, be it

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

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