

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, The valiant military service of Michael Edwin  
2 Thornton is being saluted as part of the 2019 Medal of Honor Host  
3 City 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. Navy Petty Officer Michael Thornton earned his  
11 Medal of Honor during the Vietnam War, when he was one of two U.S.  
12 Navy advisors to a three-man Vietnamese Navy SEAL team during a raid  
13 on an enemy base along a river; after the senior U.S. Navy advisor  
14 was badly wounded, PO Thornton returned to him under heavy fire,  
15 killed two enemy soldiers, and dragged his comrade to the river,  
16 where he then inflated the wounded man's life jacket and towed him  
17 through the water for two hours until they were rescued; and

18           WHEREAS, Demonstrating extraordinary courage in the line of  
19 duty, Michael Edwin Thornton fulfilled the highest ideals of the  
20 United States armed forces, and he has earned the lasting  
21 admiration of a grateful nation; now, therefore, be it

22           RESOLVED, That the 86th Legislature of the State of Texas  
23 hereby pay tribute to Michael Edwin Thornton on the occasion of the  
24 2019 Medal of Honor Host City Weekend in Gainesville and commend him

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1 for his exemplary service in the defense of our nation; and, be it  
2 further

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

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 111 was adopted by the House on March 13, 2019, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 111 was adopted by the Senate on March 14, 2019, by a viva-voce vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor