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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.