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H.C.R. No. 114

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The valiant military service of Robert E. O'Malley
2 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, Robert O'Malley served during the Vietnam War as a
11 sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps, assigned to Company 1, 3rd
12 Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division; while he led
13 his squad against an entrenched enemy force, they encountered
14 intense small-arms fire; casting aside all concern for his personal
15 safety, he raced across an open rice paddy, jumped into the enemy
16 trench, and used his rifle and grenades to kill eight attackers; he
17 then led his squad to assist an adjacent unit that was suffering
18 heavy casualties and helped evacuate several wounded marines before
19 returning to the scene of the worst fighting; when he was ordered to
20 an evacuation point, he guided his squad under fire to a helicopter;
21 he was wounded three times but remained in an exposed position to
22 provide cover to others as they boarded, refusing to withdraw until
23 the last of his men were evacuated; and

24 WHEREAS, Demonstrating extraordinary courage in the line of

1 duty, Robert O'Malley fulfilled the highest ideals of the United
2 States armed forces, and he has earned the lasting admiration of a
3 grateful nation; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the 86th Legislature of the State of Texas
5 hereby pay tribute to Robert E. O'Malley on the occasion of the 2019
6 Medal of Honor Host City Weekend in Gainesville and commend him for
7 his exemplary service in the defense of our nation; and, be it
8 further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for Mr. O'Malley as an expression of high regard by the
11 Texas House of Representatives and Senate.