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H.C.R. No. 116

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, The valiant military service of Walter Joseph Marm  
2 Jr. 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, U.S. Army Second Lieutenant Walter Marm earned his  
11 Medal of Honor during the Vietnam War, when he was a platoon leader  
12 with the 1st Cavalry Division; during an operation to relieve a  
13 friendly unit that was surrounded by the enemy, his platoon came  
14 under withering fire; after killing four enemy soldiers, he  
15 single-handedly attacked a concealed machine gun, first with an  
16 antitank weapon and then by charging it across 30 meters of open  
17 ground and lobbing hand grenades; finally, despite being wounded,  
18 he continued to use his rifle until he had killed all eight of the  
19 enemy soldiers manning the gun; and

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

24           RESOLVED, That the 86th Legislature of the State of Texas

1 hereby pay tribute to Walter Joseph Marm Jr. on the occasion of the  
2 2019 Medal of Honor Host City Weekend in Gainesville and commend him  
3 for his exemplary service in the defense of our nation; and, be it  
4 further

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