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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Medal of Honor Host City program in Gainesville
2 is helping to raise awareness of the courage and sacrifice of
3 members of our nation's military; and

4 WHEREAS, Established by the city council in 2001, the program
5 pays tribute to those who have received the Medal of Honor, the
6 highest award for valor that the country bestows upon members of the
7 armed forces; it is often referred to as the Congressional Medal of
8 Honor, as it is generally presented by the United States president
9 in the name of Congress; and

10 WHEREAS, The annual program provides a number of
11 opportunities for area residents to meet Medal of Honor recipients
12 and express their appreciation; with a focus on child-friendly
13 activities, the event allows young people to interact with military
14 heroes and learn firsthand the enduring value of discipline,
15 patriotism, and devotion to duty; and

16 WHEREAS, Each year, the event is supported by numerous
17 volunteers from the community, and others arrive from across the
18 country to assist with this unique initiative; during the 2015
19 program, Gainesville dedicated the Medal of Honor Park as a
20 monument to all recipients of the medal; and

21 WHEREAS, The men and women who have received the Medal of
22 Honor exemplify the highest ideals of the U.S. armed forces, and
23 through the Medal of Honor Host City program, Gainesville residents
24 and visitors express the deep respect and gratitude that selfless

1 military service engenders in the hearts of all Americans; now,
2 therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
4 Legislature hereby recognize the Medal of Honor Host City program
5 and commend all those involved in this noteworthy endeavor for
6 their efforts; and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for the program as an expression of high regard by the
9 Texas House of Representatives.