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S.C.R. No. 27

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The valiant military service of Bennie G. Adkins is
2 being saluted as part of the 2019 Medal of Honor Host City Weekend
3 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, Bennie Adkins served the U.S. Army during the
11 Vietnam War in the 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), 1st Special
12 Forces, and attained the rank of sergeant first class; in March
13 1966, during combat operations at Camp A Chau, he repeatedly braved
14 enemy fire and carried wounded comrades to the dispensary; he was
15 painfully wounded, and most of his crew was injured or killed, but
16 he continued to fight off the much larger hostile force until
17 ordered to evacuate; having destroyed all signal equipment and
18 classified documents, he and a small group battled their way out of
19 the camp and evaded the Vietcong for two days before a helicopter
20 was able to rescue them; and

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

1 RESOLVED, That the 86th Legislature of the State of Texas
2 hereby pay tribute to Bennie G. Adkins on the occasion of the 2019
3 Medal of Honor Host City Weekend in Gainesville and commend him for
4 his exemplary service in the defense of our nation; and, be it
5 further

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