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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1   WHEREAS, The valiant military service of Harold A. Fritz 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, A veteran of the U.S. Army, Captain Harold Fritz
11 served during the Vietnam War as a first lieutenant in Troop A, 1st
12 Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment; seriously wounded when the
13 armored column he was leading came under intense fire, he exhibited
14 exceptional selflessness as the platoon leader, tending to and
15 encouraging his injured comrades; he subsequently manned a machine
16 gun to protect the enemy-surrounded convoy and then, armed only
17 with a pistol and bayonet, led a daring charge that routed the enemy
18 combatants; after directing the deployment of a relief force, he
19 refused medical attention until all of the wounded soldiers in his
20 unit had been treated and evacuated; and

21   WHEREAS, Demonstrating extraordinary courage in the line of
22 duty, Harold Fritz 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 Harold A. Fritz 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. Fritz as an expression of high regard by the Texas
8   House of Representatives and Senate.