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S.C.R. No. 34

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The valiant military service of Gary B. Beikirch 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, Sergeant Beikirch, a veteran of the United States
11 Army, served as a medical aidman with Company B of the 5th Special
12 Forces Group during the Vietnam War; tasked with defending Camp Dak
13 Seang from a harrowing assault, he braved a hail of enemy bullets to
14 come to the aid of his injured comrades; despite being seriously
15 wounded by fragments from an exploding mortar shell, he was able to
16 carry an injured American officer to a medical aid station, before
17 immediately returning to the line of fire to assist others,
18 including a Vietnamese soldier who was barely clinging to life; and

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

23 RESOLVED, That the 86th Legislature of the State of Texas
24 hereby pay tribute to Gary B. Beikirch on the occasion of the 2019

1 Medal of Honor Host City Weekend in Gainesville and commend him for
2 his exemplary service in the defense of our nation; and, be it
3 further

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