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S.C.R. No. 44

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The valiant military service of Hershel Woodrow
2 Williams is being saluted as part of the 2019 Medal of Honor Host
3 City 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. Marine Corps Corporal "Woody" Williams earned
11 his Medal of Honor at the Battle of Iwo Jima during World War II, as
12 a member of the 21st Marines, 3rd Marine Division; for four
13 desperate hours on February 23, 1945, he personally eliminated a
14 number of reinforced concrete enemy pillboxes, destroying one after
15 another with demolition charges or killing their defenders at close
16 range with a flamethrower, all while under heavy fire; and

17 WHEREAS, Demonstrating extraordinary courage in the line of
18 duty, Hershel Woodrow Williams fulfilled the highest ideals of the
19 United States armed forces, and he has earned the lasting
20 admiration of a grateful nation; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the 86th Legislature of the State of Texas
22 hereby pay tribute to Hershel Woodrow Williams on the occasion of
23 the 2019 Medal of Honor Host City Weekend in Gainesville and commend
24 him for his exemplary service in the defense of our nation; and, be

1 it further

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