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S.C.R. No. 48

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The valiant military service of Michael John
2 Fitzmaurice 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, A veteran of the U.S. Army, Michael Fitzmaurice
11 served during the Vietnam War as a specialist fourth class with
12 Troop D, 2nd Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment, 101st Airborne
13 Division; while he was fighting at Khe Sanh, enemy combatants threw
14 explosive charges into his bunker; without regard for his own
15 safety, he hurled two of the charges out of the bunker and threw
16 himself and his flak vest over the remaining charge, shielding
17 three fellow soldiers from the blast; though seriously wounded and
18 experiencing partial vision loss, he charged out of the bunker and
19 engaged in hand-to-hand combat, selflessly continuing to protect
20 his comrades and refusing medical evacuation; and

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

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

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