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(King of Parker)

S.B. No. 793

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to a ribbon for certain service members of the military who  
3 served in support of operations to secure this state's  
4 international border.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Section 437.355(a), Government Code, is amended  
7 to read as follows:

8 (a) The governor or adjutant general, if delegated the  
9 authority, may adopt policies and regulations relating to awarding:

10 (1) the Texas Purple Heart Medal, which shall be  
11 awarded to a service member who:

12 (A) after September 11, 2001:

13 (i) was inducted into federal service from  
14 the Texas National Guard; and

15 (ii) meets the criteria for an award of the  
16 federal Purple Heart Medal; or

17 (B) was wounded or killed at Fort Hood on  
18 November 5, 2009;

19 (2) the Texas Superior Service Medal, which shall be  
20 awarded to:

21 (A) a service member of the Texas military forces  
22 who has:

23 (i) completed 30 or more years of honorable  
24 state service or a combination of state and federal service; and

1                   (ii) continually demonstrated superior  
2 performance and service while assigned to key leadership positions  
3 demanding responsibility; or

4                   (B) a civilian who has contributed significant  
5 service to the Texas military forces;

6                   (3) the Lone Star Distinguished Service Medal, which  
7 shall be awarded to a member of the military forces of this state,  
8 another state, or the United States for exceptionally outstanding  
9 achievement or service to this state in performance of a duty of  
10 great responsibility while serving with the Texas military forces  
11 for whom the department receives a letter of recommendation for  
12 award of the Lone Star Distinguished Service Medal that:

13                   (A) gives an account of the exceptional  
14 achievement or service; and

15                   (B) includes facts and photographs, and extracts  
16 from official documents to support and amplify the facts;

17                   (4) the Texas Outstanding Service Medal, which shall  
18 be awarded to a service member of the military forces of this state,  
19 another state, or the United States who has performed service,  
20 either individually or as a member of a crew, in a superior and  
21 clearly outstanding manner;

22                   (5) the Texas Humanitarian Service Medal, which shall  
23 be awarded to a service member who:

24                   (A) does not meet the criteria for an award of the  
25 federal Humanitarian Service Medal;

26                   (B) is a member of the Texas military forces; and

27                   (C) while serving on state active duty or active

1 duty under state authority in accordance with Title 32, United  
2 States Code, participates satisfactorily in defense support to a  
3 mission under civilian authority to protect life or property during  
4 or soon after a natural disaster or civil unrest in the state;

5 (6) the Texas Homeland Defense Service Medal, which  
6 shall be awarded to a service member of the Texas military forces  
7 who served:

8 (A) on or after September 11, 2001;

9 (B) on state active duty or active duty under  
10 state authority in accordance with Title 32, United States Code;  
11 and

12 (C) satisfactorily in defense support to a  
13 mission in the state under civilian authority;

14 (7) the Federal Service Medal, which shall be awarded  
15 to a service member who was inducted into federal service from the  
16 Texas military forces between June 15, 1940, and January 1, 1946, or  
17 after June 1, 1950, if the service was for more than 90 days;

18 (8) the Texas Combat Service Ribbon, which shall be  
19 awarded to a service member of the Texas National Guard who served,  
20 after September 11, 2001, in a hostile fire zone as designated by  
21 the United States secretary of defense;

22 (9) the Texas Faithful Service Medal, which shall be  
23 awarded to a member of the Texas military forces who has completed  
24 five years of honorable service during which the service member has  
25 shown fidelity to duty, efficient service, and great loyalty to  
26 this state;

27 (10) the Texas Medal of Merit, which shall be awarded

1 to a member of the military forces of this state, another state, or  
2 the United States who performs outstanding service or attains  
3 extraordinary achievement, either individually or as a member of a  
4 crew, in behalf of the state or United States;

5 (11) the Texas State Guard Service Medal, which shall  
6 be awarded to a service member who completes three consecutive  
7 years of honorable service in the Texas State Guard during which the  
8 service member has shown fidelity to duty, efficient service, and  
9 great loyalty to this state;

10 (12) the Texas Desert Shield/Desert Storm Campaign  
11 Medal, which shall be awarded to a service member who was inducted  
12 into federal service from the Texas National Guard after August 1,  
13 1990, in support of Operation Desert Shield or Operation Desert  
14 Storm, without regard to the place that the service member was  
15 deployed while serving on active federal military duty;

16 (13) the Texas Iraqi Campaign Medal, which shall be  
17 awarded to a service member who was inducted into federal service  
18 from the Texas National Guard, without regard to the place that the  
19 service member was deployed while serving on active federal  
20 military duty, after:

21 (A) March 19, 2003, in support of Operation Iraqi  
22 Freedom; or

23 (B) August 31, 2010, in support of Operation New  
24 Dawn;

25 (14) the Texas Afghanistan Campaign Medal, which shall  
26 be awarded to a service member who was inducted into federal service  
27 from the Texas National Guard after October 6, 2001, in support of

1 Operation Enduring Freedom, without regard to the place that the  
2 service member was deployed while serving on active federal  
3 military duty; ~~and~~

4 (15) the Cold War Medal, which, subject to Subsection  
5 (c), shall be awarded to a member of the military forces of this  
6 state or the United States who:

7 (A) served between September 2, 1945, and  
8 December 26, 1991; and

9 (B) was a resident of this state at the time the  
10 service member entered military service; and

11 (16) the Texas Border Security and Support Service  
12 Ribbon, which shall be awarded to a service member of the military  
13 forces of this state, another state, or the United States who  
14 served:

15 (A) on or after July 28, 2014;

16 (B) on state active duty or active duty under  
17 state authority in accordance with Title 32, United States Code,  
18 for at least 90 consecutive days, or in response to an emergency  
19 activation; and

20 (C) honorably in support of operations under  
21 civilian authority to secure this state's international border.

22 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.