

1-1 By: Campbell S.B. No. 793
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 24, 2021; March 11, 2021,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Veteran Affairs &
1-4 Border Security; April 1, 2021, reported favorably by the
1-5 following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 1; April 1, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	Campbell	X		
1-9	Hall	X		
1-10	Blanco	X		
1-11	Eckhardt		X	
1-12	Gutierrez	X		
1-13	Seliger	X		
1-14	Taylor	X		

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to a ribbon for certain service members of the military who
1-18 served in support of operations to secure this state's
1-19 international border.

1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-21 SECTION 1. Section 437.355(a), Government Code, is amended
1-22 to read as follows:

1-23 (a) The governor or adjutant general, if delegated the
1-24 authority, may adopt policies and regulations relating to awarding:

1-25 (1) the Texas Purple Heart Medal, which shall be
1-26 awarded to a service member who:

1-27 (A) after September 11, 2001:

1-28 (i) was inducted into federal service from
1-29 the Texas National Guard; and

1-30 (ii) meets the criteria for an award of the
1-31 federal Purple Heart Medal; or

1-32 (B) was wounded or killed at Fort Hood on
1-33 November 5, 2009;

1-34 (2) the Texas Superior Service Medal, which shall be
1-35 awarded to:

1-36 (A) a service member of the Texas military forces
1-37 who has:

1-38 (i) completed 30 or more years of honorable
1-39 state service or a combination of state and federal service; and

1-40 (ii) continually demonstrated superior
1-41 performance and service while assigned to key leadership positions
1-42 demanding responsibility; or

1-43 (B) a civilian who has contributed significant
1-44 service to the Texas military forces;

1-45 (3) the Lone Star Distinguished Service Medal, which
1-46 shall be awarded to a member of the military forces of this state,
1-47 another state, or the United States for exceptionally outstanding
1-48 achievement or service to this state in performance of a duty of
1-49 great responsibility while serving with the Texas military forces
1-50 for whom the department receives a letter of recommendation for
1-51 award of the Lone Star Distinguished Service Medal that:

1-52 (A) gives an account of the exceptional
1-53 achievement or service; and

1-54 (B) includes facts and photographs, and extracts
1-55 from official documents to support and amplify the facts;

1-56 (4) the Texas Outstanding Service Medal, which shall
1-57 be awarded to a service member of the military forces of this state,
1-58 another state, or the United States who has performed service,
1-59 either individually or as a member of a crew, in a superior and
1-60 clearly outstanding manner;

1-61 (5) the Texas Humanitarian Service Medal, which shall

2-1 be awarded to a service member who:

2-2 (A) does not meet the criteria for an award of the

2-3 federal Humanitarian Service Medal;

2-4 (B) is a member of the Texas military forces; and

2-5 (C) while serving on state active duty or active

2-6 duty under state authority in accordance with Title 32, United

2-7 States Code, participates satisfactorily in defense support to a

2-8 mission under civilian authority to protect life or property during

2-9 or soon after a natural disaster or civil unrest in the state;

2-10 (6) the Texas Homeland Defense Service Medal, which

2-11 shall be awarded to a service member of the Texas military forces

2-12 who served:

2-13 (A) on or after September 11, 2001;

2-14 (B) on state active duty or active duty under

2-15 state authority in accordance with Title 32, United States Code;

2-16 and

2-17 (C) satisfactorily in defense support to a

2-18 mission in the state under civilian authority;

2-19 (7) the Federal Service Medal, which shall be awarded

2-20 to a service member who was inducted into federal service from the

2-21 Texas military forces between June 15, 1940, and January 1, 1946, or

2-22 after June 1, 1950, if the service was for more than 90 days;

2-23 (8) the Texas Combat Service Ribbon, which shall be

2-24 awarded to a service member of the Texas National Guard who served,

2-25 after September 11, 2001, in a hostile fire zone as designated by

2-26 the United States secretary of defense;

2-27 (9) the Texas Faithful Service Medal, which shall be

2-28 awarded to a member of the Texas military forces who has completed

2-29 five years of honorable service during which the service member has

2-30 shown fidelity to duty, efficient service, and great loyalty to

2-31 this state;

2-32 (10) the Texas Medal of Merit, which shall be awarded

2-33 to a member of the military forces of this state, another state, or

2-34 the United States who performs outstanding service or attains

2-35 extraordinary achievement, either individually or as a member of a

2-36 crew, in behalf of the state or United States;

2-37 (11) the Texas State Guard Service Medal, which shall

2-38 be awarded to a service member who completes three consecutive

2-39 years of honorable service in the Texas State Guard during which the

2-40 service member has shown fidelity to duty, efficient service, and

2-41 great loyalty to this state;

2-42 (12) the Texas Desert Shield/Desert Storm Campaign

2-43 Medal, which shall be awarded to a service member who was inducted

2-44 into federal service from the Texas National Guard after August 1,

2-45 1990, in support of Operation Desert Shield or Operation Desert

2-46 Storm, without regard to the place that the service member was

2-47 deployed while serving on active federal military duty;

2-48 (13) the Texas Iraqi Campaign Medal, which shall be

2-49 awarded to a service member who was inducted into federal service

2-50 from the Texas National Guard, without regard to the place that the

2-51 service member was deployed while serving on active federal

2-52 military duty, after:

2-53 (A) March 19, 2003, in support of Operation Iraqi

2-54 Freedom; or

2-55 (B) August 31, 2010, in support of Operation New

2-56 Dawn;

2-57 (14) the Texas Afghanistan Campaign Medal, which shall

2-58 be awarded to a service member who was inducted into federal service

2-59 from the Texas National Guard after October 6, 2001, in support of

2-60 Operation Enduring Freedom, without regard to the place that the

2-61 service member was deployed while serving on active federal

2-62 military duty; ~~and~~

2-63 (15) the Cold War Medal, which, subject to Subsection

2-64 (c), shall be awarded to a member of the military forces of this

2-65 state or the United States who:

2-66 (A) served between September 2, 1945, and

2-67 December 26, 1991; and

2-68 (B) was a resident of this state at the time the

2-69 service member entered military service; and

3-1 (16) the Texas Border Security and Support Service
3-2 Ribbon, which shall be awarded to a service member of the military
3-3 forces of this state, another state, or the United States who
3-4 served:
3-5 (A) on or after July 28, 2014;
3-6 (B) on state active duty or active duty under
3-7 state authority in accordance with Title 32, United States Code,
3-8 for at least 90 consecutive days, or in response to an emergency
3-9 activation; and
3-10 (C) honorably in support of operations under
3-11 civilian authority to secure this state's international border.
3-12 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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