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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Texas Legislative Medal of Honor was established  
2 to recognize gallant and intrepid service by a member of the state  
3 or federal military forces, and it is fitting that U.S. Navy SEAL  
4 Nathan Gage Ingram of Roanoke be posthumously recognized with this  
5 prestigious honor; and

6 WHEREAS, Born on March 22, 1996, Gage Ingram was a graduate of  
7 Byron Nelson High School in Trophy Club and Texas Tech University;  
8 he answered his nation's call to duty by enlisting in the United  
9 States Navy in 2019; after completing SEAL qualification training,  
10 he joined one of the most elite fighting forces in the world and  
11 attained the rank of Special Warfare Operator Petty Officer 2nd  
12 Class; and

13 WHEREAS, On January 11, 2024, Petty Officer Ingram and the  
14 other members of SEAL Team 3 were tasked with carrying out a raid on  
15 a cargo ship carrying Iranian missile components bound for Houthi  
16 militants in Yemen; he was serving as team lead communicator during  
17 the hazardous nighttime operation that took place in rough seas off  
18 the coast of Somalia; while waiting to board the cargo ship, he saw  
19 a member of his unit fall into the water; without regard for his own  
20 safety, he jumped into the sea to attempt a rescue but was unable to  
21 locate his fellow SEAL amid the five- to eight-foot swells; Petty  
22 Officer Ingram grabbed hold of a ladder on the target vessel but  
23 rather than climbing to safety, he again tried to find his teammate  
24 until being swept away by a wave; both men were lost at sea; and

1           WHEREAS, Petty Officer Ingram was posthumously promoted to  
2 Special Warfare Operator First Class, and he has been honored with  
3 the Navy and Marine Corps Medal for his extraordinary heroism; he  
4 was also the recipient of the Navy "E" Ribbon, the National Defense  
5 Service Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal;  
6 the 27-year-old Texan left behind a loving family to treasure his  
7 memory, including his wife, Jewel Ingram, his mother and  
8 stepfather, Kristi and Danny Hughes, his father, Chet Ingram, his  
9 sister, Jaci Ingram, and his stepsiblings, Tyler Hughes and Deidra  
10 Mytopher; and

11           WHEREAS, A young man of uncommon courage and patriotism,  
12 Nathan Gage Ingram made the ultimate sacrifice in service to his  
13 nation, and he is truly deserving of our state's highest military  
14 award for valor; now, therefore, be it

15           RESOLVED, That the 89th Legislature of the State of Texas  
16 hereby direct the governor of the State of Texas to posthumously  
17 award the Texas Legislative Medal of Honor to U.S. Navy SEAL Nathan  
18 Gage Ingram in recognition of his valiant military service.