

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Hill College has installed the Texas Medal of Honor Memorial as a tribute to all native-born Texans who have received that distinction, the highest award that can be bestowed on a member of the United States armed forces; and

WHEREAS, Located on the campus of Hill College in front of the Texas Heritage Museum, the memorial serves to enhance the mission of the museum, which is to explore the experience of Texas and Texans in wartime and the ways in which that experience continues to affect us today; and

WHEREAS, Of the more than 3,400 individuals who had received the Medal of Honor as of January 1, 2009, 56 individuals were born in the Lone Star State; the central shaft of the memorial highlights the valor of Texans Audie Murphy and Samuel Dealey, the most decorated members of the United States Army and Navy, respectively, in World War II; and

WHEREAS, Among the prized holdings of the Texas Heritage Museum are an extensive collection of Audie Murphy's personal artifacts from World War II, the Medal of Honor that was awarded to James Harris, a World War II tank commander and Hillsboro native, and a large number of photographs and documents relating to other Texan Medal of Honor recipients; and

WHEREAS, To be considered as a nominee for the Medal of Honor, a man or woman must have demonstrated conspicuous gallantry and

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1 intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty and at the risk of his
2 or her life; in paying solemn tribute to those Texans who have
3 exemplified the highest standards of courage, selflessness, and
4 devotion to duty, the memorial at Hill College commemorates those
5 who have earned the lasting gratitude and respect of all Americans;
6 now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas
8 hereby designate the Texas Medal of Honor Memorial at Hill College
9 as the official State Memorial to Texas-Born Medal of Honor
10 Recipients.

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David Dewhurst

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 5 was adopted by the Senate on April 9, 2009, by a viva-voce vote.

Jim Strawn

Speaker of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 5 was adopted by the House on May 24, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 145, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Robert Hemeny

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

19 JUN '09

Date

Rick Perry

Governor

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