

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1        WHEREAS, The valiant military service of Britt K. Slabinski  
2 is being saluted as part of the 2019 Medal of Honor Host City  
3 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 senior chief with the Naval Special Warfare  
11 Development Group, Mr. Slabinski received the Medal of Honor for  
12 his actions on March 4, 2002, while assigned to a joint task force  
13 during the war in Afghanistan; Mr. Slabinski was leading a  
14 reconnaissance mission in the mountains when the insertion  
15 helicopter was damaged by enemy fire, causing a member of the team  
16 to be ejected from the aircraft; Mr. Slabinski fearlessly launched  
17 an assault to rescue the teammate; exposed to attack from three  
18 directions, he and his team engaged the enemy in a close-quarters  
19 firefight; Mr. Slabinski carried a wounded teammate across  
20 difficult terrain while drawing fire from the enemy and continued  
21 the fight until the location had been secured and the team was  
22 extracted; and

23       WHEREAS, Demonstrating extraordinary courage in the line of  
24 duty, Britt Slabinski fulfilled the highest ideals of the United

1 States armed forces, and he has earned the lasting admiration of a  
2 grateful nation; now, therefore, be it

3           RESOLVED, That the 86th Legislature of the State of Texas  
4 hereby pay tribute to Britt K. Slabinski on the occasion of the 2019  
5 Medal of Honor Host City Weekend in Gainesville and commend him for  
6 his exemplary service in the defense of our nation; and, be it  
7 further

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