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H.C.R. No. 175

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The valiant military service of Patrick Henry Brady
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 U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War, Major Brady
11 distinguished himself through his skill and gallantry in flying
12 ambulance helicopters into enemy territory to rescue 51 severely
13 wounded men in the span of one day; he was forced to navigate
14 through dense fog and smoke, and he continued with the mission
15 despite the fact that two other aircraft had been shot down while
16 attempting to reach a particularly perilous landing zone; following
17 three trips, he was issued a request to land in an enemy minefield
18 where a platoon of American soldiers was trapped, and he managed to
19 fly six seriously injured patients out of the area even after a mine
20 detonated next to his helicopter; many of those who he evacuated on
21 that day would have perished if not for his efforts; and

22 WHEREAS, Demonstrating extraordinary courage in the line of
23 duty, Patrick Brady fulfilled the highest ideals of the United
24 States armed forces, and he has earned the lasting admiration of a

1 grateful nation; now, therefore, be it

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

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