

1-1 By: Hall S.B. No. 89
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed November 12, 2018; February 1, 2019,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Veteran Affairs &
1-4 Border Security; March 18, 2019, reported favorably by the
1-5 following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; March 18, 2019, 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	Johnson	X		
1-11	Lucio	X		
1-12	Menéndez	X		
1-13	Schwertner	X		
1-14	Seliger	X		

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

1-17 relating to a ribbon for certain members of the military forces who
1-18 served in support of operations to secure the Texas border.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. Section 437.355(a), Government Code, is amended
1-21 to read as follows:

1-22 (a) The governor or adjutant general, if delegated the
1-23 authority, may adopt policies and regulations relating to awarding:

1-24 (1) the Texas Purple Heart Medal, which shall be
1-25 awarded to a service member who:

1-26 (A) after September 11, 2001:

1-27 (i) was inducted into federal service from
1-28 the Texas National Guard; and

1-29 (ii) meets the criteria for an award of the
1-30 federal Purple Heart Medal; or

1-31 (B) was wounded or killed at Fort Hood on
1-32 November 5, 2009;

1-33 (2) the Texas Superior Service Medal, which shall be
1-34 awarded to:

1-35 (A) a service member of the Texas military forces
1-36 who has:

1-37 (i) completed 30 or more years of honorable
1-38 state service or a combination of state and federal service; and

1-39 (ii) continually demonstrated superior
1-40 performance and service while assigned to key leadership positions
1-41 demanding responsibility; or

1-42 (B) a civilian who has contributed significant
1-43 service to the Texas military forces;

1-44 (3) the Lone Star Distinguished Service Medal, which
1-45 shall be awarded to a member of the military forces of this state,
1-46 another state, or the United States for exceptionally outstanding
1-47 achievement or service to this state in performance of a duty of
1-48 great responsibility while serving with the Texas military forces
1-49 for whom the department receives a letter of recommendation for
1-50 award of the Lone Star Distinguished Service Medal that:

1-51 (A) gives an account of the exceptional
1-52 achievement or service; and

1-53 (B) includes facts and photographs, and extracts
1-54 from official documents to support and amplify the facts;

1-55 (4) the Texas Outstanding Service Medal, which shall
1-56 be awarded to a service member of the military forces of this state,
1-57 another state, or the United States who has performed service in a
1-58 superior and clearly outstanding manner;

1-59 (5) the Texas Humanitarian Service Medal, which shall
1-60 be awarded to a service member who:

1-61 (A) does not meet the criteria for an award of the

2-1 federal Humanitarian Service Medal;

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

2-3 (C) while serving on state active duty or active

2-4 duty under state authority in accordance with Title 32, United

2-5 States Code, participates satisfactorily in defense support to a

2-6 mission under civilian authority to protect life or property during

2-7 or soon after a natural disaster or civil unrest in the state;

2-8 (6) the Texas Homeland Defense Service Medal, which

2-9 shall be awarded to a service member of the Texas military forces

2-10 who served:

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

2-12 (B) on state active duty or active duty under

2-13 state authority in accordance with Title 32, United States Code;

2-14 and

2-15 (C) satisfactorily in defense support to a

2-16 mission in the state under civilian authority;

2-17 (7) the Federal Service Medal, which shall be awarded

2-18 to a service member who was inducted into federal service from the

2-19 Texas military forces between June 15, 1940, and January 1, 1946, or

2-20 after June 1, 1950, if the service was for more than 90 days;

2-21 (8) the Texas Combat Service Ribbon, which shall be

2-22 awarded to a service member of the Texas National Guard who served,

2-23 after September 11, 2001, in a hostile fire zone as designated by

2-24 the United States secretary of defense;

2-25 (9) the Texas Faithful Service Medal, which shall be

2-26 awarded to a member of the Texas military forces who has completed

2-27 five years of honorable service during which the service member has

2-28 shown fidelity to duty, efficient service, and great loyalty to

2-29 this state;

2-30 (10) the Texas Medal of Merit, which shall be awarded

2-31 to a member of the military forces of this state, another state, or

2-32 the United States who performs outstanding service or attains

2-33 extraordinary achievement in behalf of the state or United States;

2-34 (11) the Texas State Guard Service Medal, which shall

2-35 be awarded to a service member who completes three consecutive

2-36 years of honorable service in the Texas State Guard during which the

2-37 service member has shown fidelity to duty, efficient service, and

2-38 great loyalty to this state;

2-39 (12) the Texas Desert Shield/Desert Storm Campaign

2-40 Medal, which shall be awarded to a service member who was inducted

2-41 into federal service from the Texas National Guard after August 1,

2-42 1990, in support of Operation Desert Shield or Operation Desert

2-43 Storm, without regard to the place that the service member was

2-44 deployed while serving on active federal military duty;

2-45 (13) the Texas Iraqi Campaign Medal, which shall be

2-46 awarded to a service member who was inducted into federal service

2-47 from the Texas National Guard, without regard to the place that the

2-48 service member was deployed while serving on active federal

2-49 military duty, after:

2-50 (A) March 19, 2003, in support of Operation Iraqi

2-51 Freedom; or

2-52 (B) August 31, 2010, in support of Operation New

2-53 Dawn;

2-54 (14) the Texas Afghanistan Campaign Medal, which shall

2-55 be awarded to a service member who was inducted into federal service

2-56 from the Texas National Guard after October 6, 2001, in support of

2-57 Operation Enduring Freedom, without regard to the place that the

2-58 service member was deployed while serving on active federal

2-59 military duty; ~~and~~

2-60 (15) the Cold War Medal, which, subject to Subsection

2-61 (c), shall be awarded to a member of the military forces of this

2-62 state or the United States who:

2-63 (A) served between September 2, 1945, and

2-64 December 26, 1991; and

2-65 (B) was a resident of this state at the time the

2-66 service member entered military service; and

2-67 (16) the Texas Border Security and Support Service

2-68 Ribbon, which shall be awarded to a member of the state military

2-69 forces who served:

3-1 (A) on or after July 28, 2014;
3-2 (B) on state active duty for at least 30
3-3 consecutive days; and
3-4 (C) satisfactorily in support of operations to
3-5 secure the Texas border.

3-6 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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