

- SUBJECT:** Establishing award to honor Texas international border security
- COMMITTEE:** Defense and Veterans' Affairs — favorable, without amendment
- VOTE:** 9 ayes — Raymond, Buckley, Biedermann, Cyrier, Gervin-Hawkins, Lambert, Lopez, E. Morales, Tinderholt
- 0 nays
- WITNESSES:** For — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Thomas Parkinson)
- Against — None
- On — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Monie Ulis, Texas Military Department)
- BACKGROUND:** Government Code sec. 437.355(a) allows the governor or adjutant general, if delegated the authority, to adopt policies and regulations related to awarding certain awards that honor members of the Texas military or individuals who have supported Texas operations, including the Texas Purple Heart Medal, Texas Superior Service Medal, and the Texas Combat Service Ribbon.
- Interested parties have called for the service and sacrifice of military service members who were deployed to help secure the Texas border with Mexico to be recognized.
- DIGEST:** HB 1060 would permit the governor or adjutant general, if delegated the authority, to adopt policies and regulations relating to awarding the Texas Border Security and Support Service Ribbon. This would have to be awarded to a service member of the military forces of Texas, another state, or the United States who served:
- on or after July 28, 2014;
 - on state active duty or active duty under state authority for at least 90 consecutive days or in response to an emergency activation; and

- honorably in support of operations under civilian authority to secure this state's international border.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2021.