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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to military awards and  
 3           decorations; authorizing the Governor to  
 4           present the Governor's Medal of Merit to a  
 5           resident of this state who has rendered  
 6           exceptional meritorious service or who is  
 7           serving, or who has been honorably discharged  
 8           from service, in the United States Armed  
 9           Forces, the Florida National Guard, or the  
 10          United States Reserve Forces and, while on  
 11          active duty, rendered exceptional meritorious  
 12          service; providing a definition; providing for  
 13          the medal to be presented to a designated  
 14          representative in the event of the death of a  
 15          chosen recipient; authorizing the Governor to  
 16          make rules for presenting and distributing the  
 17          Governor's Medal of Merit; amending s. 250.10,  
 18          F.S.; authorizing the Adjutant General to issue  
 19          military decorations and awards; providing an  
 20          effective date.

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 22 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 24           Section 1. Governor's Medal of Merit.--  
 25           (1) The Governor may present, in the name of the State  
 26 of Florida, a medal to be known as the "Governor's Medal of  
 27 Merit," which shall bear a suitable inscription and ribbon of  
 28 appropriate design, to:  
 29           (a) Any legal resident of this state who has rendered  
 30 exceptional meritorious service to the citizens of this state;  
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1           (b) Any legal resident of this state who is serving  
2 under honorable conditions on active duty as a member of the  
3 United States Armed Forces, the Florida National Guard, or the  
4 United States Reserve Forces and has rendered exceptional  
5 meritorious service to the citizens of this state while on  
6 active duty; or

7           (c) Any legal resident of this state who has been  
8 honorably discharged from active duty as a member of the  
9 United States Armed Forces, the Florida National Guard, or the  
10 United States Reserve Forces and, while on active duty,  
11 rendered exceptional meritorious service to the citizens of  
12 this state.

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14 As used in this subsection, the term "exceptional meritorious  
15 service" means acts of bravery above and beyond the level of  
16 duty normally required by that person's respective military or  
17 civilian position.

18           (2) In the event of the death of an individual who has  
19 been chosen to receive the Governor's Medal of Merit, the  
20 medal shall be presented to a designated representative of the  
21 chosen recipient.

22           (3) The Governor, in consultation with the Adjutant  
23 General and other appropriate entities, may make any rules  
24 deemed necessary for the proper presentation and distribution  
25 of the Governor's Medal of Merit. The medal may be presented  
26 to an individual one time only.

27           Section 2. Paragraph (n) is added to subsection (2) of  
28 section 250.10, Florida Statutes, to read:

29           250.10 Appointment and duties of the Adjutant  
30 General.--

31           (2) The Adjutant General shall:

