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# Private Marcelino Serna Nominated For The Texas Legislative Medal of Honor

**Austin, Texas** - Today, the Texas Legislative Medal of Honor Committee nominated Private Marcelino Serna for the Texas Legislative Medal of Honor. Senator César J. Blanco authored Senate Concurrent Resolution 30 nominating Private Serna for the Texas Legislative Medal of Honor.

### **Senator Cesar Blanco issued the following statement:**

"I want to thank the Texas Legislative Medal of Honor Committee for nominating Private Serna for the state's highest military honor.

"Private Serna is deserving of the Medal of Honor for his heroics in World War I, but past discrimination deprived him of proper recognition. This recognition is long overdue.

"I am proud of Texas for taking the lead on righting an injustice and honoring Pvt. Serna for his conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty. I urge Congress to follow Texas' lead and award Pvt. Serna the Congressional Medal of Honor."

### **American GI Forum National Commander Lawrence Guzman Romo issued the following statement:**

"Private Marcelino Serna, World War I hero and the most decorated US Army soldier from Texas, whole-heartedly deserves the Texas Legislative Medal of Honor posthumously. We salute our fellow veteran, State Senator César Blanco, for leading the effort to get Marcelino this prestigious honor to allow his descendants and fellow Texans to recognize his heroic deeds."

### **El Paso Veterans Rey Rivera and Greg Vera issued the following statement:**

"We formed an organization that has spent years fighting for Private Marcelino Serna, a son of Mexico and an American hero, to receive the recognition and honors he rightfully deserves for his military service during World War I. We're thankful for the approval of his nomination to receive the Texas Legislative Medal of Honor. We appreciate all of the work Senator Blanco did to make this a reality."