

By: Representative Petty

HOUSE RESOLUTION

HONORING ARKANSAS WORLD WAR II VETERAN JAMES DONALD
NEAL BURNETT.

Subtitle

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JAMES DONALD NEAL BURNETT.

WHEREAS, World War II was the 2nd global conflict of the 20th Century and lasted from 1939 to 1945; and

WHEREAS, the war was initiated by Nazi Germany in an attempt to conquer Europe under the leadership of Adolf Hitler and is widely believed to be the most bloody conflict in human history, with the total casualty estimation of military and civilian losses at over 73,000,000 people; and

WHEREAS, the world still feels the shock of the brutality of this war, as the realities of state-sponsored mass genocide, nuclear warfare, and streamlined propaganda campaigns were fully realized in this short period; and

WHEREAS, the United States entered the war on December 7, 1941, after a kamikaze attack on the United States Naval Base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, United States troops were integral in combating the Imperial Japanese Army and Navy in the Asian-Pacific Theater, in the retaking of France from the Nazi Wehrmacht in the European Theater, in the freeing of



German and Polish political prisoners, and in the denazification of Germany;
and

WHEREAS, as of 2016, there are an estimated 5,340 veterans of the war
living in Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, Mr. James Donald Neal Burnett is one of those veterans who
served in the United States Navy from 1943 until 1946 as a motor machinist's
mate third class on the USS Oak Hill LSD 7; and Mr. Burnett was involved in
the American Campaign, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign, and the Philippine
Liberation Campaign,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIRST GENERAL
ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the House of Representatives honor the courage, dedication, and
bravery of the veterans of World War II, and specifically thank Mr. James
Donald Neal Burnett for his service to this state and to this country.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, a copy shall be
transmitted to Mr. Burnett by the Chief Clerk of the House of
Representatives.