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HR 1110

By: Representative Rye

HOUSE RESOLUTION

TO RECOGNIZE WORLD WAR II VETERAN AND MEDAL OF HONOR
RECIPIENT JAMES R. HENDRIX OF ARKANSAS.

Subtitle

TO RECOGNIZE WORLD WAR II VETERAN AND
MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT JAMES R.
HENDRIX OF ARKANSAS.

WHEREAS, James Richard Hendrix, a native of Lepanto, Arkansas, was a World War II veteran and recipient of the Medal of Honor, the highest military decoration given by the United States Armed Forces, for his actions during that war; and

WHEREAS, James Hendrix was born on August 20, 1925, and as the son of a sharecropper, he left school at an early age to work alongside his parents on the family farm; and

WHEREAS, in 1943, at age eighteen (18), James Hendrix was drafted into the United States Army and was sent to Europe, assigned to the 53rd Armored Infantry Battalion, Fourth Armored Division; and

WHEREAS, after the initial invasion of Normandy by the Allied Forces, James Hendrix and his unit began the march across France to Belgium as part of General George S. Patton's Third Army; and

WHEREAS, James Hendrix was nineteen (19) years old on December 26, 1944, near Assenois, Belgium, when he showed incredibly bravery in helping to



evacuate wounded comrades; and

WHEREAS, according to his Medal of Honor citation, James Hendrix "again left his vehicle, voluntarily, to aid two wounded soldiers, helpless and exposed to intense machine-gun fire. Effectively silencing two hostile machineguns, he held off the enemy by his own fire until the wounded men were evacuated. Pvt. Hendrix again distinguished himself when he hastened to the aid of still another soldier who was trapped in a burning half-track. Braving enemy sniper fire and exploding mines and ammunition in the vehicle, he extricated the wounded man and extinguished his flaming clothing, thereby saving the life of his fellow soldier"; and

WHEREAS, for what was termed "superb courage and heroism," James Hendrix *was awarded* the Medal of Honor from then-President of the United States Harry S. Truman at the White House in Washington, D.C., on August 23, 1945; and

WHEREAS, James Hendrix joined the paratroopers following World War II and also served in the Korean War, retiring in 1965 at the rank of master sergeant; and

WHEREAS, James Hendrix died on November 14, 2002, at his home in Florida, and was survived by his wife, Helen, his four (4) daughters and their children, and two (2) sisters; and

WHEREAS, the actions of young Arkansas farmer James Hendrix brought honor and renown to himself and his family and to the State of Arkansas,

NOW THEREFORE,

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

THAT the House of Representatives recognize World War II veteran and Medal of Honor recipient James R. Hendrix of Arkansas.

/s/Rye