

1 By John - Hendricks

H.C.R. No. 3

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15 Farmersville, where he grew up; and

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18 game, and the small amount of money available for ammunition
19 partly accounted for the remarkable accuracy he developed with a
20 gun; and

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24 grocery store-service station for \$12 a week; and

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26 1940, he went to Greenville to work in a radio repair shop;
27 there, when returning from squirrel hunting one day in December
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32 attack, this 17-year-old, five-feet, five-inches tall young
33 American, immediately tried to join the armed forces; he
34 falsified his age, but his boyish face gave him away to
35 recruiters; he had to wait until he was 18 to join, and even
36 then the Marines would not take him because he weighed less than
37 the required 115 pounds; and

38 WHEREAS, He enlisted as a private in the United States
39 Army and was sent as a replacement to Company B, 1st Battalion,
40 15th Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division, in which he served through-
41 out the war; and

42 WHEREAS, During the war, he was to become one of the only
43 two men in the history of our nation to receive every decoration
44 for valor the United States offers, including the Congressional
45 Medal of Honor--our nation's highest combat decoration--and the
46 Silver Star, which he won twice; these, together with medals
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48 WHEREAS, Private Murphy saw his first action as an infantry-
49 man in North Africa; he received his first citation, the Bronze
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3 destroyer loaded with explosives to hold off an advancing company
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8 their infantry attack to waver"; and

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12 entire enemy garrison at St. Tropez Bay, aiding his battalion in
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28 WHEREAS, This native son was honored by the Texas Legisla-
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32 WHEREAS, Although his sudden passing brings great sadness
33 to people across our land, Audie Murphy will continue to serve
34 as an inspiring example of heroism to Americans of all ages;
35 now, therefore, be it

36 RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the State of
37 Texas, the Senate concurring, That the 62nd Legislature, First
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39 Audie Murphy, and extend sympathy to his wife, Pamela, and to his
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Lieutenant Governor
 President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that H.C.R. No. 3 was unanimously adopted
 by a rising vote of the House on June 3, 1971.

Chief Clerk of the House

H.C.R. No. 3

I hereby certify that H.C.R. No. 3 was unanimously adopted
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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: 6-10-71

Date

Signed

Governor

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE

4:00pm O'CLOCK

JUN 10 1971

Secretary of State

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By Felms and Hendicks

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JUN 3 1971

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED BY RISING VOTE.

Dorothy Hallman

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

JUN 3 1971 SENT TO ENGRAVING CLERK

By: Nelms, Hendricks

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Dorothy Hallman
Chief Clerk, H. of R.

6-3-71 Sent to Engrossing Clerk.

6-3-71 Engrossed.

Orea Luppin
Engrossing Clerk, H. of R.

JUN 4 1971

RETURNED FROM SENATE

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IN THE SENATE

Received from the House

JUN 4 1971

Resolution ordered by
unanimous consent.

JUN 4 1971

Read and Adopted.

Charles Schnabel

Secretary of the Senate

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~~Add names of Senators~~ JUN 4 1971

Dorothy Hallman

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SENT TO ARCHIVING CLERK