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**HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. 3**

DIGEST OF HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 3

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Heaton, Baird

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Whereas, The Medal of Honor is the highest military decoration awarded by the United States of America;

Whereas, The President of the United States, in the name of Congress, has awarded more than 3,400 Medals of Honor to our nation's bravest soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines, and Coast Guard members since the medal's creation in 1861;

Whereas, Although the Medal of Honor was created for the Civil War, Congress made it a permanent decoration in 1863;

Whereas, There are only 78 Medal of Honor recipients living today;

Whereas, Sammy Lee Davis is one of them;

Whereas, Sammy Lee Davis was awarded the Medal of Honor for "conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life and beyond the call of duty" while serving with the U.S. Army, 2d Battalion, 4th Artillery, 9th Infantry Division at Firebase Cudgel, Cai Lay, Republic of Vietnam on November 18, 1967;

Whereas, Private First Class Davis earned the Medal of Honor while serving as a cannoneer at a remote fire support base;

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Whereas, While under heavy enemy mortar attack and a fierce ground assault, the artillery piece of Pfc. Davis and his gun crew was hit by an enemy round and the resulting blast hurled them from their weapons and blew Pfc. Davis into a foxhole;

Whereas, Returning to his weapon and ignoring repeated warning to seek cover, Pfc. Davis began firing the howitzer and was painfully injured when an enemy mortar round exploded within 20 meters of his position;

Whereas, Disregarding his injuries and inability to swim, Pfc. Davis boarded an air mattress and crossed the river separating the enemy from the fire support base to rescue three wounded comrades on the other side;

Whereas, Upon reaching the wounded men, Pfc. Davis began firing into the dense vegetation to prevent the Viet Cong from advancing;

Whereas, While the most seriously wounded soldier was transported across the river, Pfc. Davis protected the two remaining men until he could pull them across the river to the fire support base;

Whereas, Suffering from painful wounds, Pfc. Davis refused medical attention and joined another howitzer crew to fire at the large Viet Cong force until it fled; and

Whereas, Bravery in the service of your country merits special recognition, and it is fitting that the recipients of the nation's highest military decoration be honored and remembered for the role they played in making the world safe for future generations: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:*

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly wishes to
- 2 acknowledge the great bravery and sacrifice made by Sammy Lee
- 3 Davis in the defense of his country during the time of war by placing

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1 the appropriate signage at each of the entrances of Indiana State Road
2 46 and U.S. Route 231 into Owen County to honor his great bravery in
3 the face of overwhelming danger.

4 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
5 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Sammy Lee Davis
6 and his family.



COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Roads and Transportation, to which was referred House Concurrent Resolution 3, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said resolution do pass.

(Reference is to HC 3 as introduced.)

Committee Vote: Yeas 12, Nays 0

Representative Soliday

