

HOUSE RESOLUTION No.

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A HOUSE RESOLUTION honoring Francis J. Miles.

Whereas, Francis J. Miles was a Hoosier hero;

Whereas, Francis J. Miles was a first lieutenant in the United States Army Infantry, Company B, 2nd Battalion (Airborne), 503d Infantry, serving in Vietnam;

Whereas, Lieutenant Miles was awarded the Bronze Star with "V" Device for valor in action on March 16, 1969;

Whereas, Lieutenant Miles distinguished himself while on patrol along a river in Vietnam;

Whereas, Lieutenant Miles spotted six enemy soldiers

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moving across his front and quickly gave instructions to his men and deployed them against the enemy, moving directly toward the enemy position;

Whereas, Lieutenant Miles fired the first shot, wounding the enemy and causing him to flee;

Whereas, As he attempted to fire again, Lieutenant Miles' rifle jammed;

Whereas, Without hesitation, Lieutenant Miles threw a grenade at the fleeing enemy, but it failed to explode;

Whereas, Without thought for his own safety, Lieutenant Miles jumped up in the middle of hostile fire and pursued the fleeing enemy on foot;

Whereas, Lieutenant Miles overpowered and captured the enemy who had one weapon and three grenades on his person;

Whereas, In addition to the Bronze Star, Lieutenant Miles was also awarded a Purple Heart, the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Air Medal, the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Ribbon, and the Vietnam Service Medal; and

Whereas, The courage and bravery displayed by Francis J. Miles deserve special recognition by the citizens of the state of Indiana and the nation: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives recognizes the bravery and courageous actions of First Lieutenant Francis J. Miles in service to his country during a time of war.
- SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the family of
- 6 Francis J. Miles.

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