

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 276

By Butler

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory and valiant service of Gene Noel Martin.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedom, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, our citizens, throughout the years, have been called upon to take up arms against the enemies of this great nation, risking their lives and leaving their loved ones behind to honorably safeguard the freedoms and liberties guaranteed to all citizens of these United States and vanquishing those who threaten our way of life; and

WHEREAS, while the heroic deeds of Tennesseans have been extolled throughout the history of our State and nation, the distinguished military service of every proud Tennessean should be illuminated, shared, and properly honored; and

WHEREAS, one such individual was Gene Noel Martin, a gallant veteran of the United States Army, who proudly rendered sterling service during World War II as a member of our nation's "Greatest Generation"; and

WHEREAS, born on June 24, 1927, Mr. Martin was a veteran of the European Theatre who died in Germany after complications from an injury he sustained there; and

WHEREAS, in honor of the brave service and ultimate sacrifice of this World War II veteran and highly regarded member of the Allons community, the segment of State Route 294 (Willow Grove Highway) in Overton County, Tennessee, beginning at the intersection of such route with Oakley Allons Road and ending at Fellowship Baptist Church, located at 2810 Willow Grove Highway, will be designated the "Gene Noel Martin Memorial Highway"; and

WHEREAS, while no offering can properly relay our gratitude for his bravery and dedication to preserving the blessed freedom that is inseparable from our American heritage and ideals, it is most appropriate that we should honor Mr. Martin to the full extent of our ability, as he gave his life to preserve the liberties we enjoy today; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Gene Noel Martin, commending his courageous service to our nation as one of Tennessee's most heroic citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.