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H. RES. 952

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor should be permitted, at all times on the recipient's property, to properly display the Flag of the United States of America.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 8, 2009

Mr. MCKEON (for himself and Mr. CANTOR) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor should be permitted, at all times on the recipient's property, to properly display the Flag of the United States of America.

Whereas the Congressional Medal of Honor is the highest award for valor in action against an enemy force that a member of the Armed Forces may receive and recognizes a member's conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty;

Whereas only 3,446 members of the Armed Forces have been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor;

Whereas there are only 92 recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor who are still living;

Whereas the Flag of the United States of America represents a living country and is itself considered a living thing;

Whereas section 6(d) of title 4, United States Code, states that “The flag should be displayed on all days, especially on New Year’s Day, January 1; Inauguration Day, January 20; Martin Luther King Jr.’s birthday, third Monday in January; Lincoln’s Birthday, February 12; Washington’s Birthday, third Monday in February; Easter Sunday (variable); Mother’s Day, second Sunday in May; Armed Forces Day, third Saturday in May; Memorial Day (half-staff until noon), the last Monday in May; Flag Day, June 14; Fathers Day, third Sunday in June; Independence Day, July 4; National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day, July 27; Labor Day, first Monday in September; Constitution Day, September 17; Columbus Day, second Monday in October; Navy Day, October 27; Veterans Day, November 11; Thanksgiving Day, fourth Thursday in November; Christmas Day, December 25; and such other days as may be proclaimed by the President of the United States; the birthdays of States (date of admission); and on State holidays.”;

Whereas Colonel Van T. Barfoot (Army, Retired) of Richmond, Virginia, is a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor and is now 90 years old;

Whereas Colonel Van Barfoot was ordered to remove a flagpole from his lawn after flying the Flag of the United States of America; and

Whereas, on December 1, 2009, Colonel Van Barfoot was given notice of possible legal action against him because

of his refusal to remove the flagpole: Now, therefore, be
it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives that a recipient of the Congressional Medal
3 of Honor should be permitted, at all times on the recipi-
4 ent's property, to properly display the Flag of the United
5 States of America.

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