

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2024-4657, by Representative Couture

1       WHEREAS, Washington's deepest gratitude is owed to the members of  
2 the greatest generation who served courageously in World War II,  
3 having fought valiantly in defense of our nation and the freedom of  
4 all people; and

5       WHEREAS, Belonging to the remnant of that generation is Harvey J.  
6 Drahos: Father, friend, soldier, scholar, pilot, philanthropist,  
7 police officer, community leader, chiropractor, search and rescue  
8 operator, and leader; and

9       WHEREAS, Mr. Drahos was born January 5, 1923, in Cedar Rapids,  
10 Iowa; and

11       WHEREAS, Mr. Drahos enlisted in the United States Army on March  
12 24, 1943, serving in the 96th Infantry Division, 382nd Infantry  
13 Regiment, S-Company during the Battle of Leyte, Philippines and the  
14 Battle of Okinawa, Japan where he was wounded and at the time of his  
15 honorable discharge in February of 1946, he had earned numerous  
16 medals including Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal,  
17 American Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, World War II  
18 Victory Medal, as well as Combat Infantry Badge, World War II  
19 Honorable Service Button, and Presidential Unit Citation; and

20       WHEREAS, Upon returning to civilian life, Mr. Drahos demonstrated  
21 his characteristic diligence and perseverance as he took jobs from  
22 gas station attendant to City of Los Angeles Motorcycle Officer in  
23 the Hollywood Division prior to attending university; and

