



SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 04-026

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CONCERNING HONORING STAFF SERGEANT PETE JIMENEZ FOR HIS GALLANTRY, BRAVERY, AND VALOR DURING WORLD WAR II, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, ENCOURAGING COLORADO'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY NOMINATE STAFF SERGEANT PETE JIMENEZ FOR THE MEDAL OF HONOR, COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS THE "CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR".

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Pete Jimenez was recently vested a Knight in the French National Order of the Legion of Honor, for "Extraordinary Heroism" during World War II; and

WHEREAS, This honor is the highest honor awarded by the French government for extraordinary heroism and gallantry on the battlefield; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Pete Jimenez's unit was at the forefront of the World War II battlefield from D-Day on; and

WHEREAS, During intense combat, Staff Sergeant Pete Jimenez went beyond the call of duty in leading a small squad of three men in killing twenty-nine enemy soldiers, and capturing two hundred German soldiers; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Pete Jimenez, for this courageous act was awarded a Bronze Star by the United States government and by the French General Charles de Gaulle was awarded the French Croix de Guerre, the French Medal of Honor for extraordinary heroism in battle; and

WHEREAS, In the rare event that the French Medal of Honor was awarded to an individual American soldier, it generally went to one who had earned the American Medal of Honor as well; and

WHEREAS, The French Medal of Honor was also awarded to great United States military commanders such as General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower and General George S. Patton; and

WHEREAS, From his World War II division of approximately 14,000 men, Pete Jimenez is the only known recipient of both the French Medal of Honor and Knighthood in the French National Order of the Legion of Honor; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Pete Jimenez is from Pueblo, Colorado, known as "The Home of Heroes", because four Medal of Honor recipients call the town of Pueblo home; and

WHEREAS, While the accomplishments of Staff Sergeant Pete Jimenez were recognized by the United States government with a Bronze Star, the French government saw fit to recognize and honor his actions with that country's highest military honor, the French Medal of Honor, and he should be similarly recognized by the United States military for whom he fought during World War II; and

WHEREAS, The Medal of Honor, commonly referred to as the "Congressional Medal of Honor" is presented by the President of the United States on behalf of Congress, and is the highest award for valor against an enemy force that can be bestowed upon an individual serving in the Armed Forces of the United States; and

WHEREAS, The dignity and honor bestowed upon Medal of Honor recipients provide inspiration to our nation's youth by encouraging them to become active and engaged citizens; and

WHEREAS, Recognizing the bravery, gallantry, and valor of Staff Sergeant Pete Jimenez with a Medal of Honor is a meaningful way to bring to the public's attention the sacrifices and heroism of Americans who have fought in the name of American liberty; now, therefore,

*Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-fourth General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:*

(1) That we, the members of the Sixty-fourth General Assembly of the State of Colorado, hereby recognize Staff Sergeant Pete Jimenez for his extraordinary heroism and valor during World War II.

(2) That we encourage Colorado's Congressional Delegation to request that the Department of the Army begin the process of nominating Staff Sergeant Pete Jimenez for the Medal of Honor, commonly referred to as the "Congressional Medal of Honor"

*Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent to Staff Sergeant Pete Jimenez of Pueblo, Colorado, and to each member of Colorado's Congressional Delegation.

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THE SENATE

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