

2016 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 136

Commending John Glaser.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 19, 2016

WHEREAS, John Glaser of Williamsburg, a proud veteran of World War II, was made a Knight in the National Order of the Legion of Honor by the government of France for his role in the liberation of that country; and

WHEREAS, during the war, John Glaser served as a medic in the 111th Field Artillery of the United States Army's 29th Infantry Division; he participated in the Allied forces' D-Day invasion and the Battle of Normandy; and

WHEREAS, John Glaser is one of 15 veterans of World War II who were honored by the French government at a ceremony in the Commonwealth; a Knight is one of five levels of distinction of the Legion of Honor—France's highest decoration; and

WHEREAS, Michel Charbonnier, general consul of France for the Commonwealth and other mid-Atlantic states, presented the medal of the Legion of Honor to John Glaser; and

WHEREAS, the Legion of Honor was formed by Napoleon Bonaparte in 1802 to honor soldiers and civilians who demonstrated immense bravery in wartime or great achievements during times of peace; and

WHEREAS, John Glaser does not consider himself a hero; the Yorktown native was drafted into the military in 1941 when he was 23; as a medic, he provided emergency medical aid to wounded soldiers, tending to their needs before they went into surgery; and

WHEREAS, during the invasion of Normandy on D-Day, John Glaser's ship was delayed due to rough seas, which he believes saved his life; when he finally touched the beach and started running toward high ground, he nearly entered a field of land mines but was warned away by an officer; and

WHEREAS, John Glaser represents the strength and resolve of the members of the United States Armed Forces who proudly serve during times of peace and war; and

WHEREAS, John Glaser and those who survived World War II returned home and resumed regular lives; their efforts helped achieve victory, and the nation of France remains grateful to the brave young soldiers who fought for its freedom; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That John Glaser of Williamsburg hereby be commended for being honored as a Knight in the National Order of the Legion of Honor by the French government for his role in the liberation of France during World War II; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to John Glaser as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect and admiration for his accomplishments in service to his country.

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