

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

1 WHEREAS, Upon attending university in Barstow, California, Mr.
2 Drahos initially earned an advanced chiropractic degree, but would
3 soon earn Disaster Administrator Certificate, and go on to pursue a
4 Juris Doctorate; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Drahos has dedicated his life to service and the
6 betterment of his community through participation in San Bernadino
7 Disaster Relief, Red Cross, Rotary, Kiwanis, Giant Inter-Club in Las
8 Vegas, United States Air Force Auxiliary Search and Rescue Pilot,
9 Certified Public Administration, Radiological Defense Officer, and
10 offering legal coaching to veterans; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Drahos has previously been recognized by the City of
12 Lacey, United States Representative Marilyn Strickland, and the
13 administration of President Ronald Reagan for his lifetime of work
14 and continued dedication to our nation;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives
16 express its thanks and appreciation to Mr. Harvey Drahos, without
17 whom Washington state and the Nation as a whole could not be
18 successful; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
20 immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of
21 Representatives to Harvey J. Drahos.

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