



2009 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 127

1 **Relating to:** the life and public service of Erwin Bessler.

2 Whereas, more than 65 years ago, Erwin “Bud” Bessler served the United
3 States military honorably and with great bravery, serving in his youth for America
4 for the freedom of France and its people; and

5 Whereas, Mr. Bessler enlisted in January 1943 as a Corporal in the 460th Air
6 Force of the 1st Army; and

7 Whereas, from March 1944 to November 1945 Mr. Bessler participated in the
8 Allied Campaigns in Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and
9 Central Europe; and

10 Whereas, for his achievements, Mr. Bessler was awarded by the U.S.
11 government the Purple Heart Medal, the European–African–Middle Eastern
12 Campaign Ribbon with one silver star, the Good Conduct Medal, the WWII Victory
13 Medal, three overseas service bars, and the American Theater Ribbon; and

