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2015 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 42

May 27, 2015 - Introduced by Representative Petryk, cosponsored by Senator Vinehout. Referred to Committee on Rules.

2	Whereas, Edward Wormhoudt, a distinguished veteran who resides with his
3	family in Durand, Wisconsin, received the Congressional Gold Medal for his service
4	to our country during World War II; and
5	Whereas, Edward Wormhoudt was born in Mount Pleasant, Iowa, on October
6	5, 1924, and was one of 2 children, along with his brother, Jerry Wormhoudt; and
7	Whereas, Edward Wormhoudt graduated from high school in 1941; and
8	Whereas, Edward Wormhoudt enlisted in the United States Army in 1941; and
9	Whereas, Edward Wormhoudt and Elaine Wormhoudt had a son, Lynn
10	Wormhoudt, on December 28, 1941; and
11	Whereas, Edward Wormhoudt was deployed first to Africa when he heard about
12	the formation of the First Special Service Force, an elite group of soldiers from both
13	Canada and the United States of America; and
14	Whereas, Edward Wormhoudt took a demotion in rank to join the First Special

Service Force and transferred to Italy to join the unit; and

Relating to: honoring Edward Wormhoudt.

1	Whereas, Edward Wormhoudt was part of the First Special Service Force, also
2	known as the Devil's Brigade, a unit that served from 1942 to 1944; and
3	Whereas, Edward Wormhoudt married Elaine Avis Wormhoudt in 1948 in
4	Detroit, Michigan; and
5	Whereas, Edward Wormhoudt attended Lawrence Tech in Southfield,
6	Michigan, where he received his degree in Mechanical Engineering; and
7	Whereas, Edward Wormhoudt worked for Giffels and Rossetti, an architectural
8	firm, for 12 years then began a 21 year career with the Ford Motor Company; and
9	Whereas, Edward Wormhoudt retired to Florida with his wife Elaine for 20
10	years before eventually moving to Durand, Wisconsin, to live with his son, Lynn
11	Wormhoudt and granddaughter, Lisa Wormhoudt; and
12	Whereas, Edward Wormhoudt received a Congressional Gold Medal on
13	February 3, 2015, in Washington, D.C., for his service in the Devil's Brigade; and
14	Whereas, the Congressional Gold Medal is the highest civilian award in the
15	United States of America and is awarded by the United States Congress to those who
16	have performed an achievement that has a lasting impact on American history; now,
17	therefore, be it
18	Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the legislature
19	recognizes Edward Wormhoudt's achievement in receiving this most prestigious
20	medal and congratulates him on his many accomplishments and thanks him for his
21	dedication and service to our country.
22	(END)