

By Representatives Melvin, Peaden, Burroughs and Maygarden

1 House Resolution

2 A resolution honoring Harry R. McDonald, Jr.

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4 WHEREAS, Harry R. McDonald, Jr., a veteran of 28 years  
5 of military service, was elected National Commander of the  
6 Disabled American Veterans (DAV) at the 1997 national  
7 convention of the million-member organization, the first  
8 person from Florida to be elected to the organization's  
9 highest office since its founding in 1920, and

10 WHEREAS, a native of Pensacola now living in Crestview,  
11 Mr. McDonald enlisted in the United States Navy in 1945,  
12 serving on three ships in the Far East during his stint in the  
13 Navy, and

14 WHEREAS, in 1949, Mr. McDonald left the Navy to launch  
15 a long career in the United States Army, and, having begun his  
16 military career as an enlisted man, he advanced through the  
17 ranks, eventually earning a commission as an officer and  
18 serving as captain when he was discharged in 1973, because of  
19 a service-connected disability, and

20 WHEREAS, not only did Mr. McDonald participate in his  
21 children's activities during his tenure in the military, but  
22 immediately upon leaving the service, he joined the Disabled  
23 American Veterans and, as a life member of DAV Chapter 57 in  
24 Crestview, has held various appointed and elected positions,  
25 including Chapter Commander and Chapter Adjutant/Treasurer, a  
26 position in which he is currently serving, and

27 WHEREAS, Mr. McDonald, an active member of St. Mark  
28 United Methodist Church, has held numerous posts in the DAV  
29 Department of Florida, as well as at the DAV national level,  
30 where he was elected National Senior Vice Commander in 1996,  
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1           WHEREAS, having received many military decorations,  
2 including the Bronze Star and Combat Infantry Badge, in  
3 February 1998, Mr. McDonald was awarded the Silver Medallion  
4 Patrick Henry award for his years of patriotic service to the  
5 nation's veterans, and

6           WHEREAS, on March 28, 1998, DAV National Commander  
7 Harry R. McDonald, Jr., will be honored at a testimonial  
8 dinner, at which time he will be presented the Meritorious  
9 Service Award on behalf of the City of Crestview, NOW,

10 THEREFORE,

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12 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
13 Florida:

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15           That the House of Representatives pauses in its  
16 deliberations to join the City of Crestview in honoring DAV  
17 National Commander Harry R. McDonald, Jr., for his devoted  
18 service to his community, his state, and his nation.

19           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution  
20 be presented to DAV National Commander Harry R. McDonald, Jr.,  
21 as a tangible token of the sentiments expressed herein.

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