

By Representative Kendrick

## House Resolution

A resolution recognizing the veterans of the amphibious training center at Camp Gordon Johnston.

WHEREAS, in April 1942, during the early stages of World War II, Franklin County was selected as the site of a United States Army amphibious training center charged with a mission to teach all phases of amphibious operations, the objective being to form a highly efficient, well-coordinated, hard-hitting, and fast-moving amphibious force, mentally and physically hardened for arduous field service and battle, and

WHEREAS, on September 10, 1942, the first troops arrived at Camp Carrabelle to prepare for the 38th Infantry Division, the first unit scheduled for training at the hastily constructed base, and, in January 1943, the same month the post was renamed Camp Gordon Johnston, the 28th Infantry Division arrived to begin training, followed by the 6th Communications Squadron, the 78th Smoke Generator Company, and the 377th Coast Artillery Battalion, and

WHEREAS, in June 1943, the United States Navy assumed the amphibious training mission, altered now to emphasize loading and unloading landing craft quickly and quietly by day and night, organization and control of troops during such operations, and tactics and movements of combat teams working in concert and individually to seize and secure beachheads and advance inland toward the division objective, and

WHEREAS, the United States Army 4th Infantry Division, the last division assigned to the amphibious training center at Camp Gordon Johnston, completed its stint in October and November 1943 under Navy supervision, culminating three years

1 of preparation for what would become a turning point in the  
2 war, and

3 WHEREAS, on D-Day, June 6, 1944, during the Normandy  
4 Invasion by the United States and its allies, the first  
5 amphibious infantry assault teams to arrive on French soil  
6 were from the 4th Infantry Division of the United States Army,  
7 NOW, THEREFORE,

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9 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
10 Florida:

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12 That the House of Representatives pauses in its  
13 deliberations to recognize and honor the troops of the United  
14 States Armed Forces who were involved in amphibious training  
15 at Camp Gordon Johnston by which they were equipped to stand  
16 against the forces of tyranny during World War II and to  
17 express a special, heartfelt gratitude to the members of the  
18 United States Army 4th Infantry Division for their sacrificial  
19 efforts in the invasion of Normandy in the final push to end  
20 the war in Europe.

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