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House Resolution

A resolution honoring Chester Lee Davis, Sr., in memoriam, for his patriotic service to the United States during World War II.

WHEREAS, Chester Lee Davis, Sr., was born on November 25, 1923, in Quincy, Florida, and passed away in 1981 at the age of 57, and

WHEREAS, on June 25, 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued an executive order to establish the Fair Employment Practices Commission, opening the doors for the first African Americans to enlist in the United States Marine Corps, and

WHEREAS, in 1943, Chester Lee Davis, Sr., was accepted into the Marine Corps among its first African-American recruits, completing his basic training at Montford Point in North Carolina, and

WHEREAS, Chester Lee Davis, Sr., bravely fought in World War II to defend his country, despite the fact that it did not yet offer basic civil rights for African Americans, and

WHEREAS, on November 23, 2011, President Barack Obama signed a resolution to posthumously award the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest civilian award from the United States Congress for distinguished contributions, to the members of the Montford Point Marines, and

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25 WHEREAS, a veterans monument was dedicated on November 10,
 26 2013, in Gadsden County, Florida, with a replica of the
 27 Congressional Gold Medal to honor and recognize Chester Lee
 28 Davis, Sr., for his service to the nation, NOW, THEREFORE,
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30 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
 31 Florida:
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33 That Chester Lee Davis, Sr., is honored, in memoriam, for
 34 his selfless and patriotic contributions and service to the
 35 United States during World War II.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
 37 presented to his son, Chester Davis, Jr., as a tangible token of
 38 the sentiments expressed herein.