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5 By: Representative Petty

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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

8 HONORING ARKANSAS WORLD WAR II VETERAN JAMES DONALD
9 NEAL BURNETT.

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12 **Subtitle**

13 HONORING ARKANSAS WORLD WAR II VETERAN
14 JAMES DONALD NEAL BURNETT.

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18 WHEREAS, World War II was the 2nd global conflict of the 20th Century
19 and lasted from 1939 to 1945; and

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21 WHEREAS, the war was initiated by Nazi Germany in an attempt to conquer
22 Europe under the leadership of Adolf Hitler and is widely believed to be the
23 most bloody conflict in human history, with the total casualty estimation of
24 military and civilian losses at over 73,000,000 people; and

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26 WHEREAS, the world still feels the shock of the brutality of this war,
27 as the realities of state-sponsored mass genocide, nuclear warfare, and
28 streamlined propaganda campaigns were fully realized in this short period;
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31 WHEREAS, the United States entered the war on December 7, 1941, after a
32 kamikaze attack on the United States Naval Base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; and

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34 WHEREAS, United States troops were integral in combating the Imperial
35 Japanese Army and Navy in the Asian-Pacific Theater, in the retaking of
36 France from the Nazi Wehrmacht in the European Theater, in the freeing of



1 German and Polish political prisoners, and in the denazification of Germany;
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4 WHEREAS, as of 2016, there are an estimated 5,340 veterans of the war
5 living in Arkansas; and

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7 WHEREAS, Mr. James Donald Neal Burnett is one of those veterans who
8 served in the United States Navy from 1943 until 1946 as a motor machinist's
9 mate third class on the USS Oak Hill LSD 7; and Mr. Burnett was involved in
10 the American Campaign, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign, and the Philippine
11 Liberation Campaign,

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13 NOW THEREFORE,

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIRST GENERAL
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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17 THAT the House of Representatives honor the courage, dedication, and
18 bravery of the veterans of World War II, and specifically thank Mr. James
19 Donald Neal Burnett for his service to this state and to this country.

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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, a copy shall be
22 transmitted to Mr. Burnett by the Chief Clerk of the House of
23 Representatives.