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By: Representatives L. Smith, Edwards, House

HOUSE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

IN RESPECTFUL MEMORY OF MR. JOHN WILLIAM MURPHY
AND IN RECOGNITION OF HIS MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO
THE STATE OF ARKANSAS AND HIS LOCAL COMMUNITY.

Subtitle

IN RESPECTFUL MEMORY OF MR. JOHN WILLIAM
MURPHY AND IN RECOGNITION OF HIS MANY
CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STATE OF ARKANSAS
AND HIS LOCAL COMMUNITY.

WHEREAS, John William "Bill" Murphy was born on January 22, 1925, at
the Fayetteville City Hospital to Everett and Leta Taylor Murphy, and he died
in Fayetteville, Arkansas, on January 31, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Murphy attended Washington Elementary School and
Fayetteville High School, graduating in 1942; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Murphy enlisted in the Marine Corps at the age of
seventeen (17) and served with the 2nd Marine Raider Battalion and was
wounded during the invasion of Guam in the fall of 1944; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Murphy received the Military Order of the Purple Heart,
the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Murphy graduated from the University of Arkansas with a
law degree in 1950, and was a practicing attorney in Fayetteville for more
than fifty (50) years; and



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2 WHEREAS, Mr. Murphy was actively involved with the Shriners, Elks,
3 Jaycees, Masons, Veterans Administration, Disabled American Veterans, Purple
4 Heart Society, the Marine Raider Association, the Fayetteville National
5 Cemetery, and the American Legion of Arkansas; and
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7 WHEREAS, Mr. Murphy served as State Commander of the American Legion of
8 Arkansas in 1972 and served as National Vice Commander in 1993; and
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10 WHEREAS, Mr. Murphy was elected from Washington County to the Arkansas
11 House of Representatives in 1951 and served two (2) terms; and
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13 WHEREAS, over the years, Mr. Murphy received several appointments by
14 the governors of Arkansas, including Chairman of the Governor's Commission of
15 Veteran Affairs; and he was appointed by President William J. Clinton to
16 serve as a member of the World War II Advisory Board, which was responsible
17 for the design of the World War II Memorial,
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19 NOW THEREFORE,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-SIXTH GENERAL
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 THAT the House of Representatives honors the memory of Mr. John William
24 "Bill" Murphy, celebrates his life and significant contributions to the
25 Arkansas Bar, the Arkansas House of Representatives, and his community,
26 state, and nation, and remembers him with the deepest admiration.
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the individual members of the House of
29 Representatives hereby express sincere condolences to the family of Mr.
30 Murphy, and upon adoption of this resolution, an appropriate copy shall be
31 provided to the family by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.
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