

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 481  
By Brown

A RESOLUTION to honor the Ernie Pyle Chapter No. 1945 of the  
Military Order of the Purple Heart.

WHEREAS, it its appropriate that with the passing of the 50th anniversary of the cessation of World War II, we give special recognition and pay homage to the honorable veterans from our great state; and

WHEREAS, we owe a great debt to those members of our armed forces who lost their lives in the immense global conflicts of this century, and also to those who survived and aided in carrying out their duties to victory; and

WHEREAS, the men and women of the Ernie Pyle Chapter No. 1945 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart of Chattanooga, are such honorable wartime veterans who gave unreservedly of themselves in the name of freedom; and

WHEREAS, the men and women of this esteemed chapter share a common bond; they are all combat wounded veterans, having shed their blood in defense of their country, and have been awarded the Purple Heart Medal of Honor by the United States government; and

WHEREAS, these former members of the U.S. armed forces were significant contributors to the cessation of the dangerous regimes that threatened governments and world order during this century; they are veterans of World War II, Korea and Vietnam, both men and women, with their military ranks ranging from private through full colonel; and

WHEREAS, with their formal charter granted in August of 1983, this Chattanooga chapter of The Military Order of the Purple Heart chose its chapter name to honor the memory of World War II correspondent Ernie Pyle; renown for his reporting from the front line, Mr. Pyle was killed by a Japanese sniper bullet on the island of Ie Shima near Okinawa in the Pacific Theater; and

WHEREAS, this group of honorable veterans continues to give as they follow their own Patriotic code to “make our home, our city, our state, and our nation a better place in which to live”; and

WHEREAS, the charitable and philanthropic efforts of the Order are widespread and comprehensive as they attempt to fill the gap between the needs of veterans and assistance given by other organizations; each year the Ernie Pyle Chapter undertakes a single fundraising event through which it raises thousands of dollars to return to the community; and

WHEREAS, thousands of veterans and their family members have benefited from the good works of the chapter; they arrange transportation to and from medical appointments and job interviews, distribute canes and other walking aids, and provide needed home medical equipment for individuals, and

WHEREAS, the chapter’s members have touched the lives of many in the community and throughout our great state by providing flags for public schools, placing a monument in the Chattanooga National Cemetery, hosting Veteran’s Day and Memorial Day ceremonies, and funding holiday programs for the needy; and

WHEREAS, the men and women of the Ernie Pyle Chapter continue to serve their country everyday by giving unselfishly of their time and talents to many worthy causes; it is only appropriate that we specially recognize them as they are not only valiant veterans, but also ideal public servants worthy of the praise and esteem of this body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That

we hereby honor the members of the Ernie Pyle Chapter No. 1945 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart for their outstanding efforts in service of veterans and the community as a whole, and wish them well in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final resolving clause omitted from such copy.

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