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5 By: Representative Rye
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HR 1110

8 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

9 TO RECOGNIZE WORLD WAR II VETERAN AND MEDAL OF HONOR
10 RECIPIENT JAMES R. HENDRIX OF ARKANSAS.
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13 **Subtitle**

14 TO RECOGNIZE WORLD WAR II VETERAN AND
15 MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT JAMES R.
16 HENDRIX OF ARKANSAS.
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18 WHEREAS, James Richard Hendrix, a native of Lepanto, Arkansas, was a
19 World War II veteran and recipient of the Medal of Honor, the highest
20 military decoration given by the United States Armed Forces, for his actions
21 during that war; and
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23 WHEREAS, James Hendrix was born on August 20, 1925, and as the son of a
24 sharecropper, he left school at an early age to work alongside his parents on
25 the family farm; and
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27 WHEREAS, in 1943, at age eighteen (18), James Hendrix was drafted into
28 the United States Army and was sent to Europe, assigned to the 53rd Armored
29 Infantry Battalion, Fourth Armored Division; and
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31 WHEREAS, after the initial invasion of Normandy by the Allied Forces,
32 James Hendrix and his unit began the march across France to Belgium as part
33 of General George S. Patton's Third Army; and
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35 WHEREAS, James Hendrix was nineteen (19) years old on December 26,
36 1944, near Assenois, Belgium, when he showed incredibly bravery in helping to



1 evacuate wounded comrades; and

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3 WHEREAS, according to his Medal of Honor citation, James Hendrix "again
4 left his vehicle, voluntarily, to aid two wounded soldiers, helpless and
5 exposed to intense machine-gun fire. Effectively silencing two hostile
6 machineguns, he held off the enemy by his own fire until the wounded men were
7 evacuated. Pvt. Hendrix again distinguished himself when he hastened to the
8 aid of still another soldier who was trapped in a burning half-track. Braving
9 enemy sniper fire and exploding mines and ammunition in the vehicle, he
10 extricated the wounded man and extinguished his flaming clothing, thereby
11 saving the life of his fellow soldier"; and

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13 WHEREAS, for what was termed "superb courage and heroism," James
14 Hendrix *was awarded* the Medal of Honor from then-President of the United
15 States Harry S. Truman at the White House in Washington, D.C., on August 23,
16 1945; and

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18 WHEREAS, James Hendrix joined the paratroopers following World War II
19 and also served in the Korean War, retiring in 1965 at the rank of master
20 sergeant; and

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22 WHEREAS, James Hendrix died on November 14, 2002, at his home in
23 Florida, and was survived by his wife, Helen, his four (4) daughters and
24 their children, and two (2) sisters; and

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26 WHEREAS, the actions of young Arkansas farmer James Hendrix brought
27 honor and renown to himself and his family and to the State of Arkansas,

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29 NOW THEREFORE,

30 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
31 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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33 THAT the House of Representatives recognize World War II veteran and
34 Medal of Honor recipient James R. Hendrix of Arkansas.

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/s/Rye