

House Resolution No. 832

Whereas, it is a tremendous pleasure for the members of the Missouri House of Representatives to welcome to the Show-Me State Lieutenant General James C. Riley, United States Army, Commander of the Combined Arms Center and Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; and

Whereas, on March 30, 2002, General James Riley will present the family of the late Staff Sergeant Winford Evans with the Distinguished Service Cross for Valor which he earned during World War II as a steadfast fighter for freedom and democracy; and

Whereas, an honorable soldier and officer who has dedicated his entire adult life to the service of our great nation, General James Riley is to be applauded for his willingness to donate his personal time in order to conduct an appropriate and long-delayed ceremony for a fallen hero; and

Whereas, General James Riley entered the Army in December 1965 as an enlisted soldier before attending Officer Candidate School and receiving his commission as an Infantry Officer in 1966; and

Whereas, down through the years General James Riley has effectively served with the 82nd Airborne Division; the 25th Vietnamese Infantry Division; 4th Battalion, 35th Armor, 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry, 1st Battalion, 52nd Infantry, and 3rd Brigade of the 1st Armored Division; 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division; 2nd Armored Division (Forward); 3rd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division; Joint Chiefs of Staff as Representative for European Security Matters; Military Training Mission, Saudi Arabia; 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) and Fort Stewart; and V Corps, Heidelberg, Germany, before becoming Commanding General of the Combined Arms Center and Fort Leavenworth; and

Whereas, General James Riley has earned numerous awards and decorations, including the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, and Army Commendation Medal:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, join unanimously to salute General James Riley and to convey to him this legislative body's sincerest appreciation and heartiest commendation of his willingness to devote his personal time on Easter weekend to travel to this state to present a military medal to the family of Staff Sergeant Winford Evans, a deceased World War II military veteran; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the visit by Lieutenant General James G. Riley to Sikeston, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Peter C. Myers, Sr.
District No. 160

I, Jim Kreider, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 832, adopted March 19, 2002.

Jim Kreider, Speaker