

House Resolution No. 4056

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who patriotically answered the call to national service during times of unparalleled worldwide turmoil and strife; and

Whereas, Ralph Raymond Heine attained considerable distinction during World War II when he served with the 35th Division, 138th Regiment, and the 42nd (Rainbow) Division, 222nd Regiment, in locations as far-flung as Alaska, Germany, and Central Europe; and

Whereas, Ralph Heine entered the United States Army on February 21, 1941, at Camp Robinson in Arkansas; married his beloved Elizabeth (Betty) Wray on January 25, 1942, at Fort Lewis, Washington; was taken prisoner by Germans on January 6, 1945; and was honorably discharged as a Staff Sergeant on August 24, 1945, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas; and

Whereas, during his four years, six months, and four days as a soldier, Ralph Heine earned the Combat Infantry Badge, Prisoner of War Medal, American Defense Medal, Good Conduct Medal, World War II Victory Medal, European Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, American Campaign Medal, Occupation Campaign Medal, Purple Heart, Bronze Star, and Silver Star for gallantry; and

Whereas, born in Praire du Rocher, Illinois, in 1918 to Albert and Matilda Heine, Ralph Heine is the father of four children, Ralph, Bob, Kathy, and Nancy, and the grandfather of Michael, Nicholas, Justin, Ezra, and Kendra; and

Whereas, Ralph Heine is a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Bonne Terre, Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree, the National Rainbow Division, and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5741, which will recognize him at special commemorative events in 2003 for his status as a former Prisoner of War:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to salute former Staff Sergeant Ralph Heine of the United States Army and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt commendation of his patriotic service during World War II and our sincerest admiration of his unrepachable conduct while a Prisoner of War; 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 Ralph Raymond Heine of Bonne Terre, Missouri.

Offered by _____
 Representative Kevin Engler
 District No. 106

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4056, adopted September 15, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker