

House Resolution No. 4071

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri citizen who dutifully served his country in the United States Navy during World War II; and

Whereas, Ed Chittim, a treasured resident of Republic, Missouri, is to be commended for his contributions to the United States Navy Seebees, 93rd Battalion; and

Whereas, Ed Chittim served as a bulldozer operator with the 93rd United States Naval Construction Battalion, Company D, Platoon 4, during which time he helped build roads, warehouses, and storage buildings, and improve dock facilities on Banika Island; and

Whereas, while in Philippines, Ed Chittim worked to repair a native church in Samar and helped build more camps, roads, airstrips, fuel ammunition dumps, warehouses, community lines, hospitals, and mess halls; and

Whereas, a son of Simpson "Dink" and Pearl Acuff Chittim, Ed Chittim spent eighteen months overseas in dense jungles with the enemy; and

Whereas, an avid gardener for many years, Ed Chittim has compiled an enviable list of service to such important organizations as the Operators Engineers 16th Union and the Masons; and

Whereas, Ed Chittim has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include his wife, the late Audrea Langford Chittim; his two daughters Linda Bell of Republic and Teresa Dixon of Lake Worth, Florida; his son-in-law, Gary Bell; his five grandchildren, Tracy, Aaron, David, Ryan, and Kristina; and his seven great-grandchildren, Allen, Miranda, Isaac, Abbey, Zoie, Connor, and Trenton:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, unanimously join in expressing our utmost appreciation to Ed Chittim for his contributions to the United States Navy Seebees, and in wishing him only the very best as he continues to serve as an inspiration to all those who know and love him; 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 for Ed Chittim, as a mark of our esteem for him.

Offered by _____
Representative James Viebrock
District No. 134

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4071, adopted July 21, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker