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# H. RES. 1060

Congratulating Frank Buckles, America's last surviving WWI veteran, on his 109th birthday on February 1, 2010.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 2, 2010

Mr. POE of Texas (for himself, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, and Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## RESOLUTION

Congratulating Frank Buckles, America's last surviving WWI veteran, on his 109th birthday on February 1, 2010.

Whereas Frank Buckles was born on a family farm in Harrison County, Missouri, in 1901;

Whereas after several rejections, Buckles eluded a recruiter about his young age and enlisted in the Army when he was 16 years old;

Whereas Buckles deployed with his fellow doughboys to the tune of America's best-known WWI song, "Over There", on the Carpathia, the ship that rescued the only survivors of the Titanic;

Whereas Buckles served as a motorcycle driver for dignitaries, an ambulance driver, and a prison guard while serving for the American Expeditionary Forces;

Whereas Buckles returned to the United States in 1920 as a corporal;

Whereas, while working as an assistant purser of the Western World steamship for the American President Lines, Buckles was captured by the Japanese as a civilian and became a prisoner of war during World War II;

Whereas for 39 months Buckles survived on meager rations consisting of beans, rice, and worm-filled mush until his rescue by the 11th Airborne Division of the Army on February 23, 1945, the same day he was scheduled to be executed;

Whereas after fighting in two world wars, Buckles settled in West Virginia as a farmer where his family ancestry dates back to the 1700s and where he worked the farm until the age of 102;

Whereas Buckles dedicated his life so that other WWI veterans will be remembered; and

Whereas his story embodies the self-sacrifice and patriotism that is at the very core of what it means to be an American: Now, therefore, be it

- 1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives con-
- 2       gratulates Frank Buckles, America's last surviving WWI
- 3       veteran, on his 109th birthday on February 1, 2010.

