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H. RES. 752

Congratulating Marcel Closset, a French citizen and former member of the French Resistance who was instrumental in saving a United States Army Air Corps pilot during World War II, for receiving the French Legion of Honor.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 12, 2014

Mr. O'ROURKE submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Congratulating Marcel Closset, a French citizen and former member of the French Resistance who was instrumental in saving a United States Army Air Corps pilot during World War II, for receiving the French Legion of Honor.

Whereas, on September 27, 2014, Marcel Closset, a French citizen and former member of the French Resistance, received the French Legion of Honor in the rank of Knight;

Whereas the French Legion of Honor was created by Napoleon Bonaparte in 1802 to recognize the accomplishments of military personnel and civilians for their service to France;

Whereas the French Legion of Honor is the highest-ranking order and decoration given in France;

Whereas, on July 17, 2014, the President of France nominated Marcel Closset for the French Legion of Honor to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the liberation of France during World War II;

Whereas Marcel Closset is the current president of L'Amicale des Anciens du maquis de Mazinghien, an association that works to preserve the memory of the members of the French Resistance who fought for the liberation of Mazinghien, France, in 1944; and

Whereas Marcel Closset was one of four people who risked their lives to rescue and hide Eliot Shapleigh, Sr., a United States Army Air Corps pilot from El Paso, Texas, who was forced to parachute from his crippled P-51 Mustang into Nazi-occupied France in 1944: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives con-
- 2 gratulates Marcel Closset for receiving the French Legion
- 3 of Honor.

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