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S. RES. 401

Recognizing Easy Company, 2nd Battalion of the 506th Parachute Infantry
Regiment of the 101st Airborne Division.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 27, 2014

Mr. TOOMEY (for himself and Mr. CASEY) submitted the following resolution;
which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

RESOLUTION

Recognizing Easy Company, 2nd Battalion of the 506th
Parachute Infantry Regiment of the 101st Airborne Division.

Whereas Easy Company, 2nd Battalion comprised part of the
506th Parachute Infantry Regiment of the 101st Air-
borne Division of the United States Army;

Whereas Easy Company was immortalized by the heroic ac-
tions of its soldiers during World War II;

Whereas the book and miniseries, “Band of Brothers”, intro-
duces a new generation of people of the United States to
the valorous deeds of Easy Company;

Whereas Easy Company engaged in critical combat missions
during World War II, including the Battle of Normandy,
Operation Market Garden, the Battle of Bastogne, and
the Allied capture of Hitler’s Eagles Nest;

Whereas Easy Company was originally comprised of 140 soldiers, 12 of whom were natives of the State of Pennsylvania;

Whereas the Pennsylvania heroes who helped to form Easy Company were Richard D. “Dick” Winters, Thomas Meehan III, Harry F. Welsh, Jack Edward Foley, Joseph D. Toye, William J. Guarnere, Forrest L. Guth, Edward James Heffron, Albert Blithe, Carl L. Fenstermaker, Roderick G. Strohl, and Joseph A. Lesniewski;

Whereas Easy Company lost 49 soldiers, including Thomas Meehan III, who paid the ultimate price for freedom during World War II; and

Whereas with the passing of William J. Guarnere, also known as “Wild Bill”, on March 8, 2014, all of the Pennsylvania natives who served in Easy Company, except for Roderick G. Strohl, have passed away: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate recognizes—

2 (1) the impact of Easy Company and the bravery of all of the heroes who have served in the company; and

3 (2) the brave Pennsylvania natives who served in Easy Company.

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