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S. RES. 581

Honoring the life and service of the late Staff Sergeant Robert Henry Anderson.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 18, 2014

Mr. MCCAIN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Armed Services

RESOLUTION

Honoring the life and service of the late Staff Sergeant
Robert Henry Anderson.

Whereas throughout his life, Staff Sergeant Robert Henry Anderson distinguished himself in each field in which he entered;

Whereas in the military, Staff Sergeant Robert Henry Anderson was a decorated non-commissioned officer in the United States Army during World War II, earning 2 Bronze Star Medals, 2 Presidential Unit Citations, the Purple Heart, and various campaign ribbons;

Whereas prior to entering military service, Staff Sergeant Robert Henry Anderson placed his education on hold to work full-time to support his family in Cleveland, Ohio;

Whereas drafted into the military at the age of 19, Staff Sergeant Robert Henry Anderson originally enlisted as a paratrooper, preparing to parachute behind enemy lines in Germany and all over Europe;

Whereas Staff Sergeant Robert Henry Anderson saw the desperate need for medical assistance in combat and volunteered to join the United States Army Ambulance Service as a combat medic;

Whereas Staff Sergeant Robert Henry Anderson was a valuable member of the fighting force, responsible for providing first aid and frontline trauma care on the battlefield;

Whereas combat medics were unsung heroes of World War II, as they were embedded among infantrymen, faced the enemy unarmed, and relied on the aid of comrades to keep them safe;

Whereas as a combat medic, Staff Sergeant Robert Henry Anderson helped countless soldiers, while dodging exploding mines, nearly getting run over by German tanks, and evading enemy fire;

Whereas based on his performance as a combat medic, at the end of World War II, the United States Army offered to help pay his way through medical school;

Whereas Staff Sergeant Robert Henry Anderson earned a bachelor's degree from Baldwin Wallace University, in Berea, Ohio;

Whereas at the conclusion of his time in service, Staff Sergeant Robert Henry Anderson returned to Cleveland and honorably served as a plumber for the Department of Public Works and as a valued member of the Journeymen Plumbers Union, Local 55;

Whereas Staff Sergeant Robert Henry Anderson is the pride of his family, which includes his parents, Otto and Sarah, his brothers, Alan, Wayne, and Leonard, his late wife of more than 60 years, Virginia, their son, Robert C. Anderson, and a large and loving extended family;

Whereas Staff Sergeant Robert Henry Anderson passed away on November 15, 2014, in Arizona, and his death is a major loss to his family, the Grand Canyon State, and the United States; and

Whereas the life and legacy of Staff Sergeant Robert Henry Anderson are an immense credit to his family and the cities of Cleveland and Mesa and typify the heroes of the “Greatest Generation”: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) honors and salutes the decades of service of
3 Staff Sergeant Robert Henry Anderson to the people
4 of the United States;

5 (2) acknowledges the contributions of Staff Ser-
6 geant Robert Henry Anderson as a paratrooper,
7 combat medic, plumber, husband, father, and family
8 member; and

9 (3) extends appreciation to the family of Staff
10 Sergeant Robert Henry Anderson, in recognition of
11 his role as a model of lifetime service to a grateful
12 community and Nation.

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