

House Resolution 1061

By: Representative Jamieson of the 22nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending William J. "Wild Bill" Guarnere; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women who put
3 their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the
4 freedoms that all United States citizens cherish; and

5 WHEREAS, William J. "Wild Bill" Guarnere has long been recognized by the citizens of this
6 nation for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment
7 to the welfare of the citizens of the United States; and

8 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously served his country with honor and distinction
9 during World War II as a member of the United States Army; and

10 WHEREAS, the incredible career of this extraordinary man began in 1938 at age 15 when
11 he enlisted in the Citizens Military Training Corps and continued with his Army enlistment
12 in 1942 and volunteering for the Paratroopers where he was sent to Camp Toccoa, Georgia,
13 for Paratrooper Basic Training with E Co. 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment; and

14 WHEREAS, following advanced training, he was stationed overseas and played an important
15 role in the June 6, 1944, D-Day invasion of Normandy; and

16 WHEREAS, he also participated in the brutle Operation Market Garden Jump, the Bastogne
17 Campaign, and the Battle of the Bulge, where he lost his right leg to shrapnel wounds; and

18 WHEREAS, the fortitude, bravery, and courage of this soldier simply defies description, but
19 has been recognized with his receipt of numerous awards including two Bronze Stars, two
20 Combat Jumps, a Silver Star, two Purple Hearts, two Presidential Awards, a Combat Infantry
21 Badge, the French Croix De Guerre, the Dutch Orange Lanyard, and the Belgium
22 Forregierre; and

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2 WHEREAS, his significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience
3 and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of his
4 community have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates; and

5 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
6 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

7 WHEREAS, his selfless and heroic actions stand as a shining tribute to the strength of human
8 spirit and willpower, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding
9 accomplishments of this remarkable and distinguished American be recognized
10 appropriately.

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
12 the members of this body commend William J. "Wild Bill" Guarnere for his efficient,
13 effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the citizens of his country and state and
14 extend to him their most profound and sincere appreciation for all members of the United
15 States military who stand ever ready to lay the ultimate sacrifice upon the altar of freedom.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
17 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to William J. "Wild Bill"
18 Guarnere.