

## Senate Resolution 177

By: Senator Meyer von Bremen of the 12th

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Corporal Douglas Edwards; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Corporal Douglas Edwards served his country with great honor and courage as  
3 a member of the Army Air Corp, 745 Air Force Ordinance of the 27th Bomb Group during  
4 World War II; and
- 5 WHEREAS, he was captured by the Japanese from Clark Field in the Philippines on April  
6 19, 1942, and, through great strength of body and spirit, survived the Bataan Death March  
7 and 42 months as a POW working in coal mines near Hanawa, Japan; and
- 8 WHEREAS, after returning home, he met and married his lovely bride Daisy Sketo in 1945,  
9 and together they have raised three wonderful children, Gloria, Arnold, and Glenda; and
- 10 WHEREAS, in 1979, this avid hunter and fisherman retired to his home on Lake Walter F.  
11 George near Ft. Gaines, Georgia; and
- 12 WHEREAS, always being first on hand to help a neighbor, he is known throughout the  
13 neighborhood for his kindness and generosity as well as his excellent tomatoes; and
- 14 WHEREAS, our nation's monumental accomplishments in the epic conflict of World War  
15 II were achieved only through the bravery, heroism, and sacrifices of Corporal Edwards and  
16 his generation, and the State of Georgia is honored to have such a distinguished veteran as  
17 one of its citizens; and
- 18 WHEREAS, on April 12, 2005, the members of his community are gathering to celebrate and  
19 honor Corporal Edwards on his 89th birthday.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
2 join in recognizing and commending Corporal Douglas Edwards for his outstanding record  
3 of service and sacrifice and extend to him the appreciation of a grateful state and nation.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
5 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Corporal Douglas Edwards.