

House Resolution 503

By: Representative Greene of the 149th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Corporal Douglas Edwards; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Corporal Douglas Edwards is known throughout the neighborhood of his Lake
3 Walter F. George home for his caring nature as well as his gardening expertise; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he married his lovely bride, Daisy Sketo, in 1945, and they are the proud
5 parents of three outstanding children, Gloria, Arnold, and Glenda; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Corporal Edwards served his country with great pride as a member of the Army
7 Air Corp, 745 Air Force Ordinance of the 27th Bomb Group during World War II; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he was captured by the Japanese from Clark Field in the Philippines on April
9 19, 1942, and, through great strength of body and spirit, survived the Bataan Death March
10 and 42 months as a POW working in coal mines near Hanawa, Japan; and
- 11 WHEREAS, he has watched the world change dramatically and has contributed to its
12 progress by his own hard work, devotion to duty, and steady courage; and
- 13 WHEREAS, this highly esteemed gentleman has given inspiration to many through his high
14 ideals and deep concern for his fellow man, and he possesses great personal strength which
15 is only achieved through overcoming extraordinary challenges; and
- 16 WHEREAS, friends and family are gathering to celebrate this distinguished gentleman on
17 his 89th birthday, and it is highly fitting and proper that this body honor the remarkable
18 service and sacrifice of Corporal Edwards on this very special and memorable occasion.
- 19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
20 the members of this body join together to recognize Corporal Douglas Edwards, commend

1 his heroic service in World War II, and wish him and his lovely wife happiness and joy in
2 the years to come.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
4 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Corporal Douglas Edwards.