

House Resolution 2324

By: Representative Smith of the 168th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Mr. Vivian Deen; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, on November 22, 2005, former Sergeant Vivian Deen finally received the
3 recognition he deserved for his distinguished service in the United States Army over 60 years
4 ago; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Deen served with the 503rd Parachute Infantry Regimental Combat Team
6 during World War II, performing his first combat parachute jump on September 5, 1943, in
7 Markham Valley, New Guinea, in what was the first combat drop in the Pacific; he had his
8 second combat parachute jump on July 3, 1944, on Noemfoor Island; and

9 WHEREAS, his third combat mission was a parachute jump on Corregidor Island, one of the
10 most overlooked battlefields of World War II, in 1945; in 1963, the Republic of the
11 Philippines and the United States turned this area into a battlefield park as a World War II
12 memorial; and

13 WHEREAS, on his fourth combat mission, on Negros Island, Mr. Deen was twice wounded,
14 first by being shot by a sniper and then again when the ambulance that was transporting him
15 to the field hospital hit a mine; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Deen was honorably discharged on October 29, 1945; and

17 WHEREAS, among the prestigious decorations Mr. Deen received at his recent ceremony
18 were the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart with First Oak Leaf Cluster, the Army Good Conduct
19 Medal, the American Campaign Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with four
20 Bronze Service Stars and Bronze Arrowhead, the World War II Peace Medal, the United
21 States Presidential Unit Citation Ribbon, the Philippine Presidential Unit Citation Ribbon,
22 the Honorable Service Lapel Button, the Parachutist Badge, and the Cold War Recognition
23 Certificate; and

1 WHEREAS, his accomplishments have been entered into the *Congressional Record*; and

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Deen's valiant service and sacrifice on behalf of this country helped to
3 make this world a more free and secure place for generations to come, and it is abundantly
4 fitting and proper for this body to recognize such an extraordinary American hero.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
6 the members of this body join in honoring Mr. Vivian Deen on his brave and noble service
7 to the United States as a member of the 503rd Parachute Infantry Regimental Combat Team
8 and recognize this outstanding Georgian on the occasion of his receiving his well-deserved
9 decorations from the United States Army.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
11 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Vivian Deen.