

House Resolution 638

By: Representative Mills of the 25<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Maj. Vincent Ferrara (Ret.) for his military service; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Maj. Ferrara enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1941, only ten months before  
3 the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor and the United States entered World War II; and

4 WHEREAS, while trained as a fighter pilot, Maj. Ferrara ended up ferrying machinery,  
5 ammunition, and other supplies in C-46s over the Himalayan mountains in India and China,  
6 a route commonly known as the "hump" among the pilots who braved it; and

7 WHEREAS, the "hump" claimed the lives of nearly 1,000 men and 600 planes making Maj.  
8 Ferrara's 110 missions over the "hump" even more impressive; and

9 WHEREAS, Maj. Ferrara was one of eight siblings to fight in the Armed Forces of the  
10 United States, earning the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Service Medal among other  
11 honors while serving for 28 years in the Air Force and Strategic Air Command until his  
12 retirement in 1969; and

13 WHEREAS, the contributions of veterans such as Maj. Ferrara should never be forgotten and  
14 should stand as an example of the sacrifice a great generation of Americans.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
16 the members of this body recognize Maj. Vincent Ferrara (Ret.) for his contributions to the  
17 defense of the United States.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
19 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Maj. Vincent Ferrara.