

House Resolution 2152

By: Representative Maxwell of the 17<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending First Sergeant Earl Duncan; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, First Sergeant Earl Duncan served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and  
3 liberty with the United States Army, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow  
4 Americans during the Korean War; and

5 WHEREAS, a native of Jasper, Georgia, First Sergeant Duncan was assigned to Fort  
6 Jackson, South Carolina, for combat infantry basic training and to Fort Belvoir, Virginia, for  
7 combat engineer basic training; and

8 WHEREAS, a trained pharmacist, First Sergeant Duncan was assigned to the 2nd Army  
9 Division, 9th Infantry Regiment, where he served on the front lines as a litter bearer, and was  
10 promoted to a first aid position in Zone 4 near the North Korean border before he was  
11 transferred to the 9th Infantry Regiment headquarters as an aid man and promoted from  
12 private to sergeant first class, serving in a 21 bed hospital; and

13 WHEREAS, this diligent military leader was honorably discharged with the rank of master  
14 sergeant and received two ribbons for his service in Korea, a good conduct ribbon and a  
15 commendation ribbon with medal pendant; and

16 WHEREAS, upon his honorable discharge, First Sergeant Duncan volunteered for a  
17 four-year tour of duty with the reserves, where he was assigned to the Third Army, 158th  
18 general hospital and was promoted to first sergeant; and

19 WHEREAS, First Sergeant Duncan was awarded a Certificate of Recognition from the  
20 Governor of Georgia, the Honorable Marvin Griffin, for being the Outstanding Army  
21 Reservist in the greater Atlanta area; and

22 WHEREAS, he served as Paulding County Commissioner for Post 1 for four years and  
23 chairman of the Paulding County Commission from 1985 to 1988; and

24 WHEREAS, during his tenure as chairman, First Sergeant Duncan started the county's first  
25 full-time emergency response system, the precursor to the 9-1-1 system, purchased Earl  
26 Duncan Park, established the Paulding County Elderly Transit System, expanded the  
27 Paulding County Library, purchased the first computers for Paulding County government,  
28 built an annex to the courthouse, established the county employee retirement system, and  
29 hired the county's first full-time recreation director, engineer, and chamber of commerce  
30 director; and

31 WHEREAS, for the last 66 years, First Sergeant Duncan has worked as a pharmacist  
32 dedicating 24 of those years to C&C Pharmacy, and he has been blessed with three children,  
33 eight grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
35 the members of this body express their most profound appreciation for First Sergeant Earl  
36 Duncan and all members of the United States military who stand ever ready to lay the  
37 ultimate sacrifice upon the altar of freedom.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
39 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to First Sergeant Earl Duncan.