

House Resolution 2183

By: Representatives Scott of the 2nd and Neal of the 1st

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Master Sergeant Charles Homer Owens; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Charles Homer Owens served as a guardian of this nation's
4 freedom and liberty with the United States Marine Corps, valiantly and courageously
5 protecting his fellow Americans during three major wars; and

6 WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Owens joined the Marines at the age of 15, lying about his age
7 so that he could join in America's fight against oppression and tyranny during World War II;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, he fought in the Korean War, where he was shot by an enemy sniper at Bunker
10 Hill which earned him a third Purple Heart Medal for being wounded in combat; and

11 WHEREAS, after the Korean War, Master Sergeant Owens served as a drill instructor for
12 new Marines and retired from the Corps with 20 years of honorable service in 1962 as a
13 Gunnery Sergeant; and

14 WHEREAS, in 1966, Master Sergeant Owens was called to active duty to serve in Vietnam,
15 where he participated in numerous operations, including the defense of the insurgency at
16 Dong Ha, Operation Cimmaron, Operation Buffalo, Operation Hickory Nut II, Operation
17 Kingfisher, Operation Medina, Operation Liberty II, and Operation Osceola; and

18 WHEREAS, he retired from the military for a second and final time in 1968, with decades
19 of military service that demonstrated a deep personal commitment to protecting democracy
20 and a willingness to sacrifice his own personal safety and comfort to ensure the well-being
21 of his fellow man; and

22 WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Owens was recognized with numerous honors and accolades
23 during his military career, including a Navy Commendation Medal with Combat V Device
24 for Valor, a Good Conduct Medal with four Bronze Stars, an American Campaign Medal,
25 a Korean Service Medal with three Bronze Stars, and a Vietnam Service Medal with two
26 Bronze Stars just to name a few; and

27 WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Owens embodies the spirit of service, willing to find meaning
28 in something greater than himself, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding
29 accomplishments and sacrifices of this remarkable and distinguished American be honored
30 appropriately.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body express their most profound appreciation for Master Sergeant
33 Charles Homer Owens and all members of the United States military who stand ever ready
34 to lay the ultimate sacrifice upon the altar of freedom.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
36 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Master Sergeant Charles
37 Homer Owens.