

House Resolution 2050

By: Representative Ralston of the 7th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Lieutenant Colonel Robert Marvin Bridges; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women who put
4 their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the
5 freedoms that all United States citizens cherish; and

6 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Robert Marvin Bridges served as a guardian of this nation's
7 freedom and liberty with the United States Army Air Corps and the United States Air Force,
8 retiring in 1965 after 24 years of service; and

9 WHEREAS, he enrolled and was commissioned in the Army Air Corps as a sergeant pilot
10 at the age of 18 and served from September of 1941 to December of 1945 and from February
11 of 1948 to April of 1950 and enlisted in the Air Force in August of 1950; and

12 WHEREAS, Lt. Col. Bridges served in the Korean War as a pilot of a skymaster plane;
13 during World War II as a fighter pilot in Italy, Germany, France, Austria, Romania,
14 Yugoslavia, and Hungary; and during the Vietnam War as a pilot; and

15 WHEREAS, he has received numerous honors, including the Presidential Unit Citation, the
16 American Defense Medal, the European-African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, the
17 American Campaign Medal, the Army of Occupation Medal, the Korean Service Medal, the
18 United Nations Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Air Medal with
19 seven Oak Leaf Clusters, the Air Force Longevity Service Award with four Oak Leaf
20 Clusters, the World War II Victory Medal, and the Armed Forces Reserve Medal; and

21 WHEREAS, he has served his country with honor and distinction and is one of America's
22 true heroes; and

23 WHEREAS, Lt. Col. Bridges embodies the spirit of service, willing to find meaning in
24 something greater than himself while serving as a guardian of this nation's freedom, and it
25 is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this remarkable and
26 distinguished American be recognized appropriately.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body commend Lieutenant Colonel Robert Marvin Bridges for his
29 efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the citizens of his country and
30 extend to him their sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
32 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Lieutenant Colonel Robert
33 Marvin Bridges.