

House Resolution 1099

By: Representatives Bentley of the 139th and Buckner of the 137th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dequindre McGlaun for his service in the U.S. Army Air
2 Corps; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dequindre McGlaun was born January 5, 1919, in Chattahoochee County,
4 Georgia, as the youngest of 12 children; he progressed from a one-room school to graduating
5 from Cusetta High School in 1936 and then hitchhiked his way to Berry College, literally
6 working his way to a bachelor's degree in industrial arts; and

7 WHEREAS, in 1940 he listed in the U.S. Army Air Corps at Ft. Benning, where he began
8 bombardier training at Maxwell AFB, and after much training and many assignments, Mr.
9 McGlaun became a part of the 94th Bomb Group, flying 25 combat missions from
10 1942-1943; and

11 WHEREAS, one of Mr. McGlaun's most notable missions, the Kiel Mission, occurred June
12 13, 1943, in which 76 B-17s were to bomb the submarine and shipyards in Kiel, Germany;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. McGlaun was the bombardier on board the "Shackeroo," which was
15 attacked head on by a German fighter, resulting in a 20mm shell exploding on the nose of the
16 plane; and

17 WHEREAS, despite being hit during the attack, Mr. McGlaun continued to fire his 50 caliber
18 gun as the plane leaked fuel and the pilot struggled to keep it out of the sea; they flew about
19 ten feet above the North Sea before ditching "Shackeroo" and inflating two life rafts; and

20 WHEREAS, all ten members of Mr. McGlaun's crew were rescued from the icy water about
21 11 hours later by a British torpedo boat, and Mr. McGlaun was taken to a hospital in
22 England; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. McGlaun was awarded a Purple Heart for his mission and promoted to
24 Captain; and

25 WHEREAS, he went on more missions with "Shackeroo II" and received four air medals,
26 two Distinguished Flying Crosses, and two Presidential-Group Unit Citations.

27 WHEREAS, in January, 1944, Mr. McGlaun returned to the United states and married Marie
28 Jarrell in March, and he continued to serve as a bombardier-navigator instructor at Childress
29 AAFB in Texas; and

30 WHEREAS, his first child, Virginia Jan, was born on VJ Day, August 14, 1945, and after
31 returning to civilian life in September, 1945, he remained in the Air Force Reserves for ten
32 years and achieved the rank of Major; and

33 WHEREAS, after his second child, Jack, was born on February 27, 1947, Mr. McGlaun
34 began teaching industrial arts in Muskogee County for more than 30 years; and

35 WHEREAS, the unmatched spirit of loyalty and service offered by Dequindre McGlaun is
36 a source of strength and direction for persons in all walks of life; and

37 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this enduring example of patriotism be
38 recognized.

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
40 the members of this body recognize and commend Dequindre McGlaun for his service in the
41 U.S. Army Air Corps and for his innumerable good works rendered on behalf of young men
42 and women in the State of Georgia.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
44 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dequindre McGlaun.