

Senate Resolution 802

By: Senators Jackson of the 2nd and Watson of the 1st

### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring and commending Company "D" 10th Infantry Battalion; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Company "D" 10th Infantry Battalion was chartered on June 21, 1948, when the  
3 Savannah Detachment of the Marine Corps League petitioned the United States Marine  
4 Corps to consider starting up a Marine Corps Reserve Company in Savannah, Georgia; and
- 5 WHEREAS, the battalion was encouraged by the United States Marine Corps and made  
6 possible with the support of many prominent citizens who served on the United States  
7 Marine Corps Citizens Committee, including chairman Herschel V. Jenkins, publisher of the  
8 *Savannah Morning News and Evening Press*, co-chairman Hansell Hillyer, president of the  
9 Savannah Gas Company, and strong supporter Sheriff William C. (Bill) Harris; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Company "D" was immediately successful, reaching the full quota of 235  
11 enlisted and 11 officers by the end of 1948 and an impressive 262 enlisted by 1949 and  
12 completing 15,822 drill hours, a number that made them a top contender for national drill  
13 attendance honors; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Company "D" 10th Infantry Battalion served as a guardian of this nation's  
15 freedom and liberty when they were called to active duty on August 28, 1950, valiantly and  
16 courageously protecting their fellow Americans during the Korean War; and
- 17 WHEREAS, the only military unit from Savannah whose members were actually involved  
18 in combat during the Korean War, Company "D" had five members who made the supreme  
19 sacrifice.
- 20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
21 join in honoring and commending Company "D" 10th Infantry Battalion and thank them for  
22 their selfless service.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
24 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Company "D"  
25 10th Infantry Battalion.