

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 50th Legislature (2005)

HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION 1016

By: Morgan (Danny)

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution recognizing the contributions of Harry Hoots of Chandler, Oklahoma, in service to the United States and to Oklahoma in World War II; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, American veterans of the Second World War have given lasting contributions and have made notable sacrifices in the defense of our nation and its Allies; and

WHEREAS, without the sacrifice and service of these veterans, freedom and liberty in the United States and abroad would have been severely curtailed, if not destroyed; and

WHEREAS, Harry Hoots of Chandler, Oklahoma, served with distinction and honor in the 377th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion of the 101st Airborne Division of the U.S. Army and was held as a POW during the D-Day campaign; and

WHEREAS, Harry Hoots made the now famous and death-defying jump at 1:10 a.m. during the June 6th D-Day invasion where his unit was mistakenly dropped behind enemy lines after which only 250 of the 820-man battalion survived; and

WHEREAS, fighting through enemy lines, severely injured Hoots was captured by German S.S. troops and forced to march 6 miles to a German stockade; and

WHEREAS, during his three-week captivity as a POW, Hoots was nearly starved to death, along with his fellow prisoners, and tortured when German troops amputated multiple fingers; and

WHEREAS, Hoots' resilience and leadership in this campaign and throughout his military service earned him distinction and honor as an Oklahoma World War II veteran.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 50TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature recognizes the contributions and sacrifices made by Mr. Harry Hoots during the D-Day campaign in World War II.

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature extends to Mr. Harry Hoots the deepest gratitude and appreciation for his service to our nation and state.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to Mr. Harry Hoots of Chandler, Oklahoma, and the Mayor of the City of Chandler, Oklahoma.

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