

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 452

Introduced by Janssen, 15; Avery, 28; Bloomfield, 17; Carlson, 38; Coash, 27; Cook, 13; Crawford, 45; Garrett, 3; Hadley, 37; Harms, 48; Karpisek, 32; Kintner, 2; McCoy, 39; Mello, 5; Nordquist, 7; Pirsch, 4; Schilz, 47; Seiler, 33; Smith, 14; Sullivan, 41.

WHEREAS, Donald K. Schwab, a native of Hooper, Nebraska, who served his country in the 3rd Infantry Division of the United States Army during World War II, will be awarded the Medal of Honor on March 18, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Donald Schwab, who was also awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, the Bronze Star, and three Purple Hearts during service in North Africa, Sicily, Italy, and France, will become only the 21st Nebraska recipient ever to receive the Medal of Honor; and

WHEREAS, Donald Schwab, serving as a first lieutenant in France on September 17, 1944, heroically charged a German pistol nest alone, captured the gunner, and brought him back behind friendly lines all while under a hail of machine gun fire; and

WHEREAS, Donald Schwab's actions on the battlefield so disorganized the enemy's troops that they abandoned their posts and withdrew; and

WHEREAS, through his extraordinary bravery and sense of duty, Donald Schwab saved countless American lives and inspired his company and fellow servicemen to press on for Allied victory in Europe; and

WHEREAS, after his service to his country, Donald Schwab returned to Dodge County, Nebraska, becoming a successful farmer and later a rural

mail carrier for the United States Postal Service until his retirement in 1980; and

WHEREAS, in honor of his actions, and through a comprehensive twelve-year review by the Pentagon of military service during World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War, Donald Schwab, who passed away on February 19, 2005, will be awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously by the President at the White House.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Legislature commends Donald K. Schwab for his gallant service to his country and honors him as a posthumous recipient of the Medal of Honor.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of Donald K. Schwab.