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BILL REQ. #: H-4182.1/16

ATTY/TYPIST: KS:amh

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Recognizing Joe Moser for his military service.

1 WHEREAS, It is the policy of the Washington State House of
2 Representatives to honor the success and sacrifices of our veterans;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Captain Joe Moser brought honor and recognition to his
5 family, his city, and his entire community through his courage,
6 endurance, strength, and remarkable humility; and

7 WHEREAS, These actions were revealed in the 2006 book "A Fighter
8 Pilot in Buchenwald: The Joe Moser Story" and the documentary based
9 in part on his life: "Lost Airmen of Buchenwald"; and

10 WHEREAS, Captain Moser returned to his home in Ferndale,
11 Washington, raising five children and living the quiet and humble
12 life of a furnace repairman; and

13 WHEREAS, For over forty years, Captain Moser never spoke of his
14 sacrifices to protect the freedoms we enjoy today; and

15 WHEREAS, Captain Moser completed 43 combat missions as an Army
16 Air Corps fighter pilot, and was decorated with the Distinguished
17 Flying Cross for successful ground attacks; and

18 WHEREAS, Captain Moser, then Lieutenant Moser, was shot down by
19 enemy fire on his 44th mission, captured by the German Army, and
20 designated a "terrorflieger" by the Schutzstaffel; and

21 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Moser was transferred to Buchenwald
22 Concentration Camp along with 167 other Allied airmen; and

1 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Moser endured two months of starvation and
2 inhumane treatment at the hands of the Schutzstaffel; and
3 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Moser was rescued by Luftwaffe officers four
4 days before he and other Allied airmen were scheduled for execution;
5 and
6 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Moser endured a 65 mile "death march" from
7 Stalag Luft 3 POW camp in sub-zero blizzard conditions; and
8 WHEREAS, Captain Joe Moser passed away December 2, 2015, at his
9 Ferndale home after battling cancer;
10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House
11 of Representatives extend its condolences to the family, friends, and
12 fellow veterans of Captain Joe Moser, wish the entire military well,
13 and express its hope that all military members will return home
14 safely to their families, friends, and communities, like Joe.

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