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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 867

Sponsors: Senator Raynor.

Referred to:

April 11, 1989

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF
2 PRIVATE FIRST CLASS BRYANT HOMER WOMACK AND URGING THE
3 DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY TO ESTABLISH A NEW MEDICAL CENTER
4 IN CUMBERLAND COUNTY IN HIS HONOR.

5 Whereas, Private First Class Bryant Homer Womack, a citizen of North
6 Carolina, was killed during the Korean Conflict; and

7 Whereas, because of his conspicuous bravery, Private First Class Bryant
8 Homer Womack was awarded, posthumously, the Congressional Medal of Honor, the
9 nation's highest military award; and

10 Whereas, the inscription on his Medal of Honor dramatically describes his
11 exceptional bravery saying:

12 PFC Womack, Army Medical Service, United States Army, a member of the
13 Medical Company, 14th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division, distinguished
14 himself by conspicuous gallantry above and beyond the call of duty in action
15 against the enemy on 12 March 1952 near Soksoori, Korea.

16 PFC Womack was the only medical aidman attached to a night combat patrol
17 when sudden contact with a numerically superior enemy produced numerous
18 casualties. PFC Womack went immediately to their aid, although this
19 necessitated exposing himself to a devastating hail of enemy fire, during which
20 he was seriously wounded.

21 Refusing medical aid for himself, he continued moving among his comrades to
22 administer aid. While he was aiding one man, he was struck again by mortar
23 fire, this time suffering the loss of his right arm. Although he knew the

1 consequences should immediate aid not be administered, he still refused aid and
2 insisted that all efforts be made for the benefit of others who were wounded.

3 Unable to perform the task himself, he remained on the scene and directed others
4 in first aid. The last man to withdraw, he walked until he collapsed from the loss
5 of blood and died a few minutes later while being carried by his comrades.

6 The extraordinary heroism, outstanding courage and unswerving devotion to duty
7 displayed by PFC Womack reflect the utmost distinction on himself and uphold
8 the esteemed traditions of the United States Army;

9 and

10 Whereas, the Army, in honor of the heroism of PFC Womack, built a
11 hospital, on Fort Bragg in Cumberland County, and named it in his honor; and

12 Whereas, the Department of the Army plans to construct a new hospital at
13 Fort Bragg, North Carolina; and

14 Whereas, the United States Army Health Services Command has studied the
15 concept of establishing a medical center at Fort Bragg; and

16 Whereas, a medical center would improve medical services by expanding
17 residency programs and increasing the number and specialties of available physicians;
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19 Whereas, Fort Bragg is assigned a preeminent role in contingency
20 requirements for national defense; and

21 Whereas, the needs of Fort Bragg and the entire military community of North
22 Carolina would be best served by a medical center; and

23 Whereas, the expanded medical center would be a fitting tribute to the
24 continuing memory of the gallantry of PFC Womack, after whom the new medical
25 center would be named;

26 Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

27 Section 1. The Department of the Army is urged to take whatever action is
28 necessary to ensure that a medical center is built at Fort Bragg.

29 Sec. 2. The General Assembly urges that the new medical center be named in
30 honor of Private First Class Bryant Homer Womack in a continuing tribute to the
31 gallantry of this native of North Carolina.

32 Sec. 3. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this
33 Resolution to the Secretary of the Army; the Surgeon General of the United States
34 Army; to each member of the United States Congress representing North Carolina; and
35 to each member of the House and Senate Armed Services Committees of the United
36 States Congress.

37 Sec. 4. This resolution is effective upon ratification.