

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1989 SESSION
RATIFIED BILL

RESOLUTION 10
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 867

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

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

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

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

PFC Womack, Army Medical Service, United States Army, a member of the Medical Company, 14th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division, distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry above and beyond the call of duty in action against the enemy on 12 March 1952 near Soksoori, Korea. PFC Womack was the only medical aidman attached to a night combat patrol when sudden contact with a numerically superior enemy produced numerous casualties. PFC Womack went immediately to their aid, although this necessitated exposing himself to a devastating hail of enemy fire, during which he was seriously wounded.

Refusing medical aid for himself, he continued moving among his comrades to administer aid. While he was aiding one man, he was struck again by mortar fire, this time suffering the loss of his right arm. Although he knew the consequences should immediate aid not be administered, he still refused aid and insisted that all efforts be made for the benefit of others who were wounded.

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

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

and

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

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

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

Whereas, a medical center would improve medical services by expanding residency programs and increasing the number and specialties of available physicians; and

Whereas, Fort Bragg is assigned a preeminent role in contingency requirements for national defense; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sec. 4. This resolution is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 17th day of April, 1989.

James C. Gardner
President of the Senate

J. L. Mavretic
Speaker of the House of Representatives