

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Recommending Master Sergeant Woodrow Wilson Keeble for the Medal of Honor.

WHEREAS, Woodrow Wilson Keeble (1917-1982), an enrolled member of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate served our nation far beyond the call of duty during World War II and the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Keeble was a member of Company G of the 19th Infantry, 24th Division of the United States Army from February of 1951 to April of 1952; and

WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Keeble exhibited extraordinary bravery and heroism on October 20, 1951, near Kumsong, Korea, when in Operation Nomad his platoon found another platoon pinned down by enemy fire. Master Sergeant Keeble left the safety of his own platoon and single-handedly knocked out three four-man enemy bunkers, each bunker was armed with a machine gun, and seven additional riflemen, thus allowing his own company and others to achieve their crucial and strategic objective; and

WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Keeble received the Distinguished Service Cross for his bravery sustained in the October 20th battle during Operation Nomad; and

WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Keeble was recommended for the Medal of Honor in November, 1951, for action in Operation Nomad and the recommendation was lost; and

WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Keeble's recommendation for the Medal of Honor was resubmitted in December, 1951, and was again misplaced; and

WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Keeble never received consideration for the Medal of Honor; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of the Army is authorized by 10 C.F.R. §§ 1130 and 1552 to correct or upgrade any military record when necessary to correct an error or remove an injustice; and

WHEREAS, Born in Waubay, South Dakota, and buried in Sisseton, South Dakota, Master Sergeant Keeble, a full-blood Sioux Indian, is described by his friends and family as "a native South Dakotan in every sense of the word":

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Eighty-first Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the South Dakota

Legislature strongly urges the President of the United States or the Secretary of the Army to posthumously award the Medal of Honor to Master Sergeant Woodrow Wilson Keeble; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the South Dakota Congressional delegation request the Secretary of the Army to posthumously award the Medal of Honor to Master Sergeant Woodrow Wilson Keeble.

Adopted by the Senate,
Concurred in by the House of Representatives,

January 27, 2006
January 31, 2006

Dennis Daugaard
President of the Senate

Patricia Adam
Secretary of the Senate

Matthew Michels
Speaker of the House

Karen Gerdes
Chief Clerk of the House