

# State of South Dakota

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## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2

Introduced by: Senators Schoenbeck, Abdallah, Apa, Bogue, Dempster, Greenfield, and Hanson (Gary) and Representatives Halverson, Bradford, Deadrick, Faehn, Jensen, Klaudt, and Valandra

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

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

6 WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Keeble was a member of Company G of the 19th Infantry,  
7 24th Division of the United States Army from February of 1951 to April of 1952; and

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

13       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Eighty-first Legislature of  
14 the State of South Dakota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the South  
15 Dakota Legislature strongly urges the President of the United States or the Secretary of the  
16 Army to posthumously award the Medal of Honor to Master Sergeant Woodrow Wilson Keeble;  
17 and

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