



## A SENATORIAL STATEMENT

### **HONORING SGT. DAVID EUGENE HARDY FOR HIS SERVICE AND SACRIFICE TO HIS COUNTRY AND TO COMMEMORATE THE IDENTIFICATION AND RETURN OF HIS REMAINS**

**WHEREAS**, Sgt. David Eugene Hardy was born on November 1, 1928, and died on February 28, 1951, as a prisoner of war in the Korean War; and

**WHEREAS**, Sgt. Hardy grew up in Rockingham County, the son of tobacco farmers in Reidsville; and

**WHEREAS**, Sgt. Hardy joined the United States Army at 20 years old and during his service was deployed to Korea; and

**WHEREAS**, during the Korean War, he was captured and died as a prisoner of war; and

**WHEREAS**, Sgt. Hardy's unidentified remains were returned to the United States in 1954 during Operation Glory and buried at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Hawaii; and

**WHEREAS**, Sgt. Hardy's remains were disinterred on December 9, 2019, as part of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency's efforts to identify service member remains through dental, anthropological, and DNA analysis; and

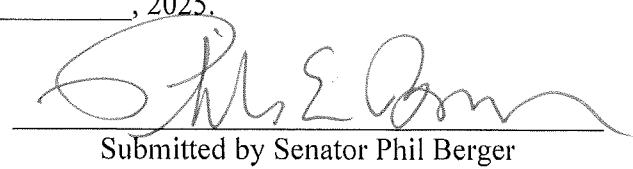
**WHEREAS**, Sgt. Hardy's remains were positively identified and he was officially accounted for on September 27, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, during his service, Sgt. Hardy was an expert marksman and served in three different campaigns in Korea, and received multiple honors for his valor, including the P.O.W. Medal, the Purple Heart, the Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Medal, the Korean Service Medal, and the United Nations Service Medal; and

**WHEREAS**, Sgt. Hardy's remains are being returned to his family in Rockingham County after 74 years to be buried in Eden on Saturday, March 8, 2025;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, Sgt. David Eugene Hardy's service and sacrifice for his country is worthy of being honored and recognized by all North Carolinians, and the North Carolina Senate places special emphasis for his service with this senatorial statement.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the undersigned certifies that the foregoing statement was read in the Senate on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.



Submitted by Senator Phil Berger

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Senate Principal Clerk