



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

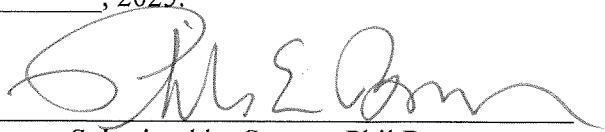
WHEREAS, Sgt. Hardy's remains were positively identified and he was officially accounted for on September 27, 2024; and

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.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Phil Berger", is written over a horizontal line.

Submitted by Senator Phil Berger

Senate Principal Clerk