

As Introduced

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S. R. No. 447

Senator Chavez

A RESOLUTION

Honoring the late Harold Dean Pittis on his reinterment.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 135th General Assembly of Ohio extend posthumous recognition to Harold Dean Pittis on the reinterment of his remains at Greenmont Union Cemetery in Freeport; and

WHEREAS, A Technician Fifth Grade in the U.S. Army during World War II, Harold Pittis was assigned to Company G, 2nd Battalion, 318th Infantry Regiment, 80th Infantry Division, and he was killed in the line of duty on February 8, 1954. Originally buried among the unknowns in the North African American Cemetery in Tunisia, his remains were exhumed in 2022 by the U.S. Department of Defense and the American Battle Monuments Commission for forensic analysis and comparison. Through the meticulous efforts of a team of scientists, he was successfully identified, and he has finally returned home to Freeport. It is just and fitting that this solemn occasion be acknowledged; and

WHEREAS, The heroic traditions of this country's armed forces are an important part of American history, and we, as loyal citizens, must be forever grateful and proud of the exemplary efforts of veterans such as Harold Pittis, who made noble sacrifices to defend our freedom and our way of life. Deservedly, he has assumed a privileged place in the historic lineage of which every veteran is such an important part; and

WHEREAS, Harold Pittis' devotion to our country, as well as his selfless commitment to the welfare of others, distinguished him as an outstanding human being and a leading citizen, and the ultimate sacrifice he made to defend the ideals of democracy will stand as a monument to his personal character. It is our sincere hope that his memory will be a source of comfort to those who loved and cherished

him; therefore be it 28

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 135th General 29
Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, salute the return of 30
the late Harold Dean Pittis to his family and praise his legacy of 31
service; and be it further 32

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 33
authenticated copy of this Resolution to the family of the late Harold 34
Dean Pittis. 35