

Senate Resolution 26 - Introduced

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1 1 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. ____
1 2 BY RAGAN
1 3 A Resolution commemorating the life and service of
1 4 Command Sergeant Major Galen Kittleson of Toeterville,
1 5 Iowa.
1 6 WHEREAS, Iowa and the nation lost a remarkable man
1 7 on May 4, 2006, with the passing of Command Sergeant
1 8 Major Galen Kittleson; and
1 9 WHEREAS, Command Sergeant Major Kittleson is
1 10 remembered as a warrior, a liberator, and a patriot;
1 11 and
1 12 WHEREAS, Command Sergeant Major Kittleson's
1 13 military service spanned four decades and active
1 14 participation in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam; and
1 15 WHEREAS, Command Sergeant Major Kittleson was the
1 16 only person to serve as an Alamo Scout in World War II
1 17 and later as a Green Beret; and
1 18 WHEREAS, Command Sergeant Major Kittleson received
1 19 three Silver Stars, three Bronze Stars, and the Purple
1 20 Heart; and
1 21 WHEREAS, Command Sergeant Major Kittleson helped
1 22 free 511 prisoners who were on the Bataan Death March
1 23 in the Philippines during World War II; and
1 24 WHEREAS, Command Sergeant Major Kittleson formed
1 25 the Boy Scout troop the Alamo Scouts of St. Ansgar,
1 26 Iowa, in 1982, naming the unit after the group that
1 27 was the forerunner to the U.S. Army Special Forces;
1 28 and
1 29 WHEREAS, unlike the old barracks ballad where "old
1 30 soldiers never die, they just fade away", the life,
2 1 exploits, and service of Command Sergeant Major
2 2 Kittleson will be remembered for generations to come;
2 3 and
2 4 WHEREAS, the life of Command Sergeant Major
2 5 Kittleson can be summed up in the words of his son who
2 6 said: "A poor farmer's son from Iowa, Kittleson
2 7 traveled far from his roots, finding courage and
2 8 faith. And in doing so he earned the love of his
2 9 family and the respect and gratitude of a nation.";
2 10 and
2 11 WHEREAS, Command Sergeant Major Kittleson was the
2 12 subject of Charles W. Sasser's book, "Raider"; NOW
2 13 THEREFORE,
2 14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate notes
2 15 with sorrow the passing of Command Sergeant Major
2 16 Galen Kittleson and honors his decades of dedicated
2 17 service to his community, his country, and his family.
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