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2 accomplishments of the late Francis Marion "Frank" Hendley II.

3 *Whereas, Francis Marion Hendley was born on February*
4 *24, 1917, in Birmingham, Alabama;*

5 *Whereas, Francis Marion Hendley attended Norwood*
6 *Grammar School and Phillips High School in Birmingham,*
7 *Alabama, completing the 11th grade in 1933;*

8 *Whereas, The Civil War is very much a part of Francis*
9 *Marion Hendley's family heritage, with three great uncles*
10 *having served in the Tennessee Cavalry during the war;*

11 *Whereas, Francis Marion Hendley volunteered in the*
12 *United States Coast Guard Reserves on August 18, 1942, and*
13 *he served his country with valor in the Pacific theater during*
14 *World War II as a member of the Amphibious Assault Forces*
15 *assigned to the U.S.S. Hunter Liggett;*

16 *Whereas these sea units were issued a commendation on*
17 *January 11, 1943, by Admiral Chester Nimitz, Commander-in-*
18 *Chief of the U.S. Pacific Fleet for "the movement of a large*
19 *number of troops into and out of the Guadalcanal-Tulagi*
20 *area...without the loss of a single soldier from enemy action";*

21 *Whereas, On May 21, 1944, a commendation designated*



1 *Mr. Hendley as a member of Admiral William F. Halsey, Jr.'s*
2 *"Fighting Team," and on November 20, 1944, Major General*
3 *Roy S. Geiger, U.S. Marine Corps Commanding, issued a*
4 *commendation to Mr. Hendley's unit Boat Pool 11 for "the*
5 *outstanding conduct displayed by them in fighting a fire in the*
6 *fuel dump on Puruate Island...worked to the point of physical*
7 *exhaustion to limit the loss of supplies in the fire which resulted*
8 *from bombing by hostile aircraft...merits the high esteem of the*
9 *entire command";*

10 *Whereas, Francis Marion Hendley received a*
11 *commendation from Oliver O. Kessing, Captain, Commanding*
12 *Naval Base Torokina, for Operations on November 29, 1943,*
13 *which stated in part, "The Commander Naval Base expresses*
14 *his thanks and admiration for the outstanding work of Boat*
15 *Pool Eleven in evacuating the paratrooper battilion. Every man*
16 *involved showed the old navy guts and the example of each man*
17 *is an inspiration to our fighting forces";*

18 *Whereas, Francis Marion Hendley operated landing craft*
19 *invasions from Guadalcanal, America's first amphibious*
20 *operation since 1898, during the Solomon Islands campaign;*

21 *Whereas, Francis Marion Hendley was honorably*
22 *discharged on October 10, 1945, with the rank of Boatswains*
23 *Mate 2nd Class, and he was awarded numerous decorations,*
24 *including the World War II Victory Medal, the Asiatic Pacific*
25 *Campaign Medal with Three Battle Stars, the Combat Action*
26 *Ribbon, the American Campaign Medal, and the American*
27 *Defense Service Medal;*

28 *Whereas, Francis Marion Hendley truly lived up to the*
29 *Coast Guard motto of "Semper Paratus" ("Always Ready");*

30 *Whereas, Francis Marion Hendley married Martha*
31 *Elizabeth (Edmonson) Hendley on February 10, 1945, while on*
32 *leave from the Coast Guard, and they had five children: Joyce*
33 *Clarisse Todd, Patricia Ann Kitching, Reverend George*
34 *Meredith Hendley, Ginger Lynne Lanier, and Pastor Dan*
35 *Dixon Hendley;*



1 *Whereas, Francis Marion Hendley returned to work at*
2 *Gordon Foods Company at their office in Louisville, Kentucky,*
3 *and upon his return he was promoted to District Manager,*
4 *organizing salesmen in the states of Indiana, Kentucky, and*
5 *Tennessee, with his headquarters in Beech Grove, Indiana;*

6 *Whereas, Francis Marion Hendley was elected the first*
7 *national president of The Hendley Family Association, Inc., on*
8 *November 22, 1975, leading the association with honor and*
9 *distinction during his term of office from 1976 through 1977;*

10 *Whereas, Francis Marion Hendley made many*
11 *contributions to both the business and public communities as a*
12 *rancher, cattleman, real estate broker and salesman, and as a*
13 *valiant sailor, public servant, and dedicated family man, and*
14 *because of these attributes he was appointed as an "Honorary*
15 *Hoosier - State of Indiana" on April 6, 1982, by Lieutenant*
16 *Governor John M. Mutz, under the authority of the Indiana*
17 *Department of Commerce;*

18 *Whereas, Francis Marion Hendley passed away on*
19 *November 15, 1986, and since then he has been honored by the*
20 *Legislatures of all seven states in which he resided;*

21 *Whereas, The late William H. "Bill" Hudnut, III, Mayor of*
22 *Indianapolis, stated on August 23, 1988: "He [Hendley] was a*
23 *man of great influence and fortitude, and Indiana has felt his*
24 *presence far beyond the years that he lived here"; and*

25 *Whereas, Francis Marion Hendley was awarded a*
26 *"Certificate of Recognition" on July 1, 2001, during the term of*
27 *United States President George W. Bush, signed by Secretary*
28 *of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, which states: "In recognition of*
29 *your service during the Cold War (2 September 1945 - 26*
30 *December 1991) in promoting peace and stability for this*
31 *Nation, the people of this Nation are forever grateful":*
32 *Therefore,*

33 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly*
34 *of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:*



1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly honors
2 and memorializes the life of Mr. Francis Marion "Frank"
3 Hendley II, and commemorates his legacy.

4 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed
5 to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Mr. William H.
6 Hendley, National President of The Hendley Family
7 Association, Inc.

