

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1854

A RESOLUTION honoring Albert "Jud" Wagner, the oldest Marine in Kansas.

WHEREAS, Albert "Jud" Wagner, a resident of Smith Center, Kansas, is the oldest member of the United States Marine Corps residing in the state of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, Jud left school when he was 17 years old to defend his country in World War I, even though young men were not obligated to serve until they reached the age of 21, and he had to convince his parents to sign the parental consent form to allow him to serve at his young age; and

WHEREAS, He served in the 82nd Company, 3rd Battalion, 6th Regiment, 2nd Division and completed four weeks of boot camp at Paris Island, South Carolina, in August 1918, before being shipped out to France, where he arrived two months later; and

WHEREAS, Jud and his division marched to Germany, where they stayed for a year after the Armistice was signed to ensure stability; and

WHEREAS, Jud fought against an enemy in the German military that included two of his uncles and several of his cousins, as his father had been born in Germany; and

WHEREAS, He had the opportunity to visit his grandfather's grave and pay his respects when his division marched to the Rhine during the occupation in November, 1918; and

WHEREAS, Jud was not injured during his service in World War I, and was given his orders to come home on Independence Day in 1919, and discharged August 13, 1919; and

WHEREAS, Jud is also the oldest living member of the American Legion in Kansas, and a charter member of the organization; and

WHEREAS, Jud was awarded the Military Order of the Devil Dogs in memory of the fact that the Marines of 1918 were given the name "Teufel Hunden" by their adversaries in recognition of their similarity to the wild mountain dogs of that name in their determined attack as German forces approached Paris and for their courage, devotion to duty and personal sacrifices during World War I; and

WHEREAS, Jud was born September 5, 1899, to Fredrick and Martha (Liss) Wagner; and

WHEREAS, in 1921, Jud was married to Lillie Routh, who died in 1987, and they had four children together: J.S., Donna, Robert and Maxine, who died in 1944: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend Albert "Jud" Wagner for his brave service to the United States as a Marine in World War I and his status as the oldest living Marine in the state of Kansas; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate provide five enrolled copies of this resolution to Albert "Jud" Wagner, Smith Center, Kansas.

Senate Resolution No. 1854 was sponsored by Senator Janis K. Lee.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

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*President of the Senate.*

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*Secretary of the Senate.*