

1 State of Arkansas  
2 90th General Assembly  
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HR 1003

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5 By: Representative Baltz

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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

8 TO HONOR VETERAN WILLIAM J. STRAUSS FOR HIS MILITARY  
9 SERVICE DURING WORLD WAR II.

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12 **Subtitle**

13 TO HONOR VETERAN WILLIAM J. STRAUSS FOR  
14 HIS MILITARY SERVICE DURING WORLD WAR II.

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17 WHEREAS, William J. "Bill" Strauss was born October 27, 1919, in  
18 Chicago, Illinois to William and Lillian Strauss; and

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20 WHEREAS, Mr. Strauss was drafted into the United States Army January  
21 30, 1942; and

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23 WHEREAS, Mr. Strauss served in the 73rd Field Artillery of the 9th  
24 Armored Division of the United States Army in World War II. The 9th Armored  
25 Division was nicknamed the "Phantom Division" and is known for its  
26 extraordinary heroism against a surprise attack by a German division which  
27 outnumbered allied troops five to one; and

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29 WHEREAS, over seventy years ago, Bill Strauss fought in the Battle of  
30 the Bulge, the largest and bloodiest battle fought by the United States in  
31 World War II which helped hasten the end of the war; and

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33 WHEREAS, the 9th Armored Division was awarded the Presidential Unit  
34 Citation, which is awarded to distinguished units of the United States Armed  
35 Forces for extraordinary heroism in accomplishing its mission under extremely  
36 difficult and hazardous conditions on or after December 7, 1941; and



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2           WHEREAS, Mr. Strauss was awarded the European African Middle Eastern  
3 Theater Ribbon with three Bronze Battle Stars to recognize his military  
4 service in the European Theater during World War II; and  
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6           WHEREAS, Bill Strauss was honorably discharged on October 23, 1945. He  
7 retired to Salem, Arkansas in 1995; and  
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9           WHEREAS, to this day Bill Strauss continues to delight the audience and  
10 members of his local Veterans of Foreign Wars post with his retelling of the  
11 events of the Battle of the Bulge,  
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13 NOW THEREFORE,

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETIETH GENERAL  
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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17           THAT William J. "Bill" Strauss be recognized and commended for his  
18 military service during World War II.  
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20           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution an  
21 appropriate copy be provided to Bill Strauss by the Chief Clerk of the House  
22 of Representatives.  
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