

- WHEREAS: Shortly after this, a resolution similar in wording was introduced on behalf of the Army and signed into law 12 July 1862. The measure provided for awarding a medal of honor "to such noncommissioned officers and private as shall most distinguish themselves by their gallantry in action, and other soldier like qualities, during the present insurrection"; and
- WHEREAS: These individuals have demonstrated selfless commitment to defend our nation and its citizens, and have been ultimately awarded the Medal of Honor; and
- WHEREAS: A ceremony for the addition of the Medal of Honor Hall of Fame to the Museum will be held on Saturday September 7, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. at the Massachusetts National Guard Museum in Worcester; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record congratulating each of the awardees past and present in receiving the Nation's Highest Military Award and to thank them for their commitment to the preservation of freedom in the United States; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the National Guard Museum on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council September 9, 2002.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of seven members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-



D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

September 9, 2002

MAYOR SULLIVAN
VICE MAYOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DECKER
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR MAHER
COUNCILLOR MURPHY
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

- WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that a Medal of Honor Hall of Fame is being added to the Massachusetts National Guard Museum in Worcester; and
- WHEREAS: The Nation's Highest Military Award is given to the bravest of the brave; and
- WHEREAS: "Heroes are people who do what has to be done when it has to be done, regardless of the consequences; and
- WHEREAS: The Congressional Medal of Honor, established by joint resolution of Congress, 12 July 1862 (amended by Act of 9 July 1918 and Act of 25 July 1963) is awarded in the name of Congress to a person who, while a member of the Armed Services, distinguishes himself conspicuously by gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while engaged in an action against any enemy of The United States; while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force; or while serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in an armed conflict against an opposing armed force in which The United States is not a belligerent party; and
- WHEREAS: The deed performed must have been one of personal bravery or self-sacrifice so conspicuous as to clearly distinguish the individual above his comrades and must have involved risk of life; and
- WHEREAS: Incontestable proof of the performance of service is exacted and each recommendation for award of this decoration is considered on the standard of extraordinary merit; and
- WHEREAS: The President, in the name of Congress, has awarded more than 3,400 Medals of Honor to our nation's bravest Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen since the decoration's creation; and
- WHEREAS: On 21 December 1861 Public Resolution 82, was signed into law by President Abraham Lincoln containing a provision for a Navy Medal of Valor, stating that the medal was "to be bestowed upon such petty officers, seamen, landsmen, and Marines as shall most distinguish themselves by their gallantry and other seamanlike qualities during the present war"; and

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RESOLUTION # 14

Congratulating the awardees past
and present in receiving the
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freedom in the United States.
**Mayor Sullivan and entire
membership**

In City Council September 9, 2002

ORDER ADOPTED.