



Legislation Text

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To honor, recognize and celebrate the life and service of Private First Class Leroy William Bryant, 1928-1952.

WHEREAS, Leroy was born on February 13, 1928 in Archeville Georgia and later moved to Columbus, Ohio into the American Addition Community where he attended Columbus City Schools; and

WHEREAS, Leroy worked for Farmer Fertilizer plant before he enlisted in the military and served in the Korean War in company C, 1st Battalion 9th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division as a light weapons infantryman; and

WHEREAS, during Leroy's service, he achieved the rank of Private First Class and has received numerous awards for his actions including a Purple Heart, a Combat Infantry Badge, the Prisoner of War Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, and many other honors; and

WHEREAS, during battle, Leroy's platoon was captured and while being held as a prisoner of war, Leroy became ill and passed away in North Korea;

WHEREAS, now after a long time away from home, Leroy's remains have been exchanged with North Korea and taken to Honolulu for DNA testing and identification and he can finally be laid to rest; and

WHEREAS, Leroy was surrounded by fellow Korean War veterans in the Veteran's cemetery in the U.S. erected for unidentified soldiers; he was never alone on Memorial Day, but now he not only is he not alone, he is home; and

WHEREAS, Leroy is survived by brother Abner Bryant, Bonnie Bryant, Deborha Williams, and a host of nieces and nephews; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS: That this Council does hereby honor, recognize, and celebrate the life and service of Private First Class Leroy William Bryant