

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2019-4637, by Representative Corry

1 WHEREAS, Members of our Armed Services past and present have
2 protected our national security and advanced our national interests
3 to preserve our rights and freedoms; and

4 WHEREAS, Washington state has maintained a tradition of
5 remembering and paying tribute to individual patriots whose courage
6 and sacrifice to secure and defend our freedom go above and beyond
7 normal standards of excellence in service; and

8 WHEREAS, Charles "Chuck" Walter Austin was born in Yakima,
9 Washington, on January 17, 1926; and

10 WHEREAS, He voluntarily joined the United States Marine Corps in
11 the spring of 1943; and

12 WHEREAS, After completing his initial tour of service, Charles
13 "Chuck" Walter Austin was discharged; and

14 WHEREAS, Charles "Chuck" Walter Austin later rejoined the Marines
15 when the hostilities in Korea began; and

16 WHEREAS, Charles "Chuck" Walter Austin valiantly served in World
17 War II, the Korean War, and in Vietnam; and

18 WHEREAS, Charles "Chuck" Walter Austin received several military
19 commendations including six Good Conduct Medals, the World War II
20 Victory Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the China
21 Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, the Korean Service
22 Medal, the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, the National Defense
23 Service Medal, the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Vietnam

1 Service Medal, a Rifle Marksman Badge M-1, a Pistol Marksman
2 Badge .45, a Presidential Unit Citation, and the Republic of Korea
3 Presidential Unit Citation; and

4 WHEREAS, After many years of service, Charles "Chuck" Walter
5 Austin retired in 1965 having reached the rank of Staff Sergeant; and

6 WHEREAS, The selfless sacrifice of Charles "Chuck" Walter Austin;
7 his deceased wife Alice Austin; and his grown children Diana Wharton,
8 Paul Fletterink, and Russell Fletterink deserve our utmost respect
9 and honor;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives
11 honor Charles "Chuck" Walter Austin for his years of military service
12 through three wars, for his personal and professional integrity, and
13 for his fearless defense of our nation; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
15 immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of
16 Representatives to Charles "Chuck" Walter Austin.

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