

State of Vermont House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

Concurrent House Resolution

H.C.R. 396

House concurrent resolution honoring Curtis R. Whiteway of Craftsbury for his military valor, his participation in the liberation of Nazi concentration and death camps, and as a passionate Holocaust educator

Offered by: Representatives Strong of Albany and Young of Glover

Offered by: Senators Rodgers and Starr

Whereas, in 1943, at 18 years of age, Curtis Whiteway entered the U.S. Army and was deployed to Europe, and

Whereas, Curtis Whiteway fought in the Battle of the Bulge and he sustained repeated beatings when held briefly as a Nazi prisoner, and

Whereas, in recognition of his exemplary military service, the U.S. Army awarded him three Bronze Stars, three Purple Hearts, and a Silver Star, and

Whereas, as a liberator of four Nazi concentration and death camps—Hadama, Hemer, Hammelburg, and Dachau 3-B—Curtis Whiteway was horrified to witness such severe human suffering, and for many years, Curtis Whiteway did not publicly convey his memories of this evil, and

Whereas, in 1978, he participated in Emory University's research endeavor, "Witness to the Holocaust: An Oral History Project," and

Whereas, the Emory conversation stirred his innermost memories and prompted Curtis Whiteway to write a book entitled *Brave Men Don't Cry: The World War II Memoirs of a Veteran of the 99th Infantry Division recognized as a Liberator of a Concentration Camp*, and

Whereas, in 1980, he responded to a questionnaire from the Holocaust Memorial Council (the Council) in Washington, D.C., the forerunner of the Holocaust Memorial Museum, and in 1981, the Council presented Curtis Whiteway a plaque in remembrance of his participation, and

Whereas, this encounter inaugurated an enduring relationship between Curtis Whiteway and the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, where he has participated in commemorative and remembrance activities, and

Whereas, in 1983, at a World Assembly to Commemorate Jewish Resistance and Combat During World War II, held in Jerusalem, the State of Israel presented Curtis Whiteway with a Medal of Valor as a Righteous Gentile, and

Whereas, Curtis Whiteway has addressed many groups of youths and adults throughout the Northeast on the lessons that must be learned from the horrors of the Holocaust, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Curtis R. Whiteway of Craftsbury for his military valor, his participation in the liberation of Nazi concentration and death camps, and as a passionate Holocaust educator, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Curtis Whiteway.