

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1812

A RESOLUTION honoring Frank Bozick as the oldest living World War II veteran in the state of Kansas.

WHEREAS, Frank Bozick, son of Frank and Teresa Bozick, immigrants from Slovenia, then a part of Austria-Hungary but now an independent country, was born February 11, 1903, in Frontenac, Kansas; and

WHEREAS, After his father's death, Mr. Bozick helped support his mother and siblings by working in a small independent coal mine; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bozick then went to the Central Automobile and Tractor Division of the Pittsburg Business College where he became a mechanic. Mr. Bozick first worked for the Williams Garage and then later was employed by Louis Hebenstriet in Frontenac. Mr. Bozick then went on to spend 18 months in Detroit working for Ford before coming back to Kansas and working on steam engines for the Kansas City Southern Railroad until he was laid off in 1932. In 1934, Mr. Bozick opened his own gas station at the corner of Rose and Broadway in Pittsburg, Kansas. When his store opened, gas sold for \$.08 per gallon. Mr. Bozick spent a total of 42 years in the gas and tire business; and

WHEREAS, In December 1943, at the age of 38, Mr. Bozick was drafted into the United States Army. While serving in the army, Mr. Bozick was stationed in Ohio, Kentucky, and Europe, where he hit the beaches of Normandy just a few days after the D-Day invasion. Mr. Bozick's time in Europe also sent him to Paris, France, where he arrived only two days after the city was liberated from the Nazis; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bozick's time in the army ended in June of 1946 as a Sergeant, 1st class. For his actions while in service to his country, Mr. Bozick earned a European theater ribbon and a good conduct medal; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bozick is an active member of American Legion, John F. Derby Post 43 in Frontenac, Kansas, and was acquainted with the family of the fallen World War I soldier for whom the post was named: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we honor Frank Bozick as the oldest living World War II veteran in the state of Kansas, we thank him for his service, and we wish him a continued life of helpful activity and service; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to Frank Bozick, 306 S. Jefferson, Frontenac, KS 66763.

Senate Resolution No. 1812 was sponsored by Senator Jim Barone.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

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*President of the Senate.*

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*Secretary of the Senate.*