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RESOLUTION



Private Marcelino Serna U.S. Army WW I CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR AWARD

WHEREAS, Marcelino Serna, a Hispanic, enlisted in the Army and was sent to fight in the trenches of France in WW I.

WHEREAS, On September 12, 1928, the U.S. First Army launched an offensive to crash through the St. Mihiel salient near the French German border, Private Serna shot and wounded a German soldier opposite him in the trenches.

WHEREAS, the wounded German still managed to shoot and wound Serna.

WHEREAS, Wounded, Serna followed the wounded German to a dugout where Private Serna tossed a concussion grenade and to his surprise, not one but 24 Germans came out and surrendered to Serna.

WHEREAS, another American soldier came and wanted to kill the Germans, Private Serna stopped him from doing so and explained that it was against the rules of war to kill prisoners.

WHEREAS, according to the Congressional Medal of Honor requirements states, "awarded to military personnel only, and awarded for ...a person who, while a member of the Army distinguished 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 an enemy of the United States."

WHEREAS, Private Serna was awarded the highest military medals of Italy and France. Serna was decorated with two French Croix de Guerre with Palm medals. The Italian Cross of Merit, the French Medaille Militaire, the British Medal of Honor, the French Commemorative Medal, WW I Victory Medal with five stars, the Victory Medal with three campaign bars, the St. Mihiel Medal, the Verdun Medal and two Purple Hearts

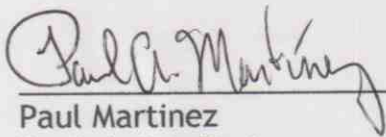
WHEREAS, Serna was the most decorated WW I soldier from Texas.

NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT: Private Marcelino Serna was prejudiced against by rank and the fact that he could not write English reports, prerequisites that were not included in the requirements for being awarded the Medal of Honor

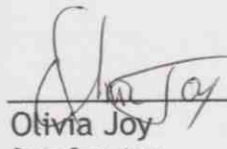
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: That the United States Congress award Private Serna the Congressional Medal of Honor due to his brave actions and eligibility according to the awards and decorations of the United States military decorations which recognize a service member's service and accomplishments while a member of the United States Armed Forces.

SUBMITTED BY: Alfredo Lugo, Member New Mexico Council 120

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand for the League of United Latin American citizens, New Mexico this 24th day of April, 2007



Paul Martinez
New Mexico State Director
League of United Latin American Citizens



Olivia Joy
State Secretary

