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HOUSE RESOLUTION 864

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April 15, 2015

1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY OF DOROTHY POST HOOVER,
2 FORMER WASP AND AUTHOR.

3 Whereas, in an effort to address the need for male combat pilots during World War
4 II, the United States Military began the Women Airforce Service Pilots program, known as
5 WASP; and

6 Whereas, of the 24,000 women who applied for the program, only 1,830 were
7 accepted and only 1,075 successfully completed the flight training; and

8 Whereas, WASPs were assigned to Army bases throughout the United States and
9 were given duties such as being test pilots or instructors, towing targets for air-to-air gunnery
10 practice and ground-to-air anti-aircraft practice, transporting personnel and cargo, and ferrying
11 planes from base to base; and

12 Whereas, Dorothy Post Hoover of Henderson County, who received a pilot's license
13 as a teenager, was one of the successful WASP candidates; and

14 Whereas, Dorothy Post Hoover spent much of her service during the war in Texas,
15 where her assignments included towing gun targets for aerial gunnery practice and serving as a
16 basic flying instructor; and

17 Whereas, after the war, Dorothy Post Hoover returned to North Carolina, where she
18 had a successful career as a court reporter in Buncombe County; and

19 Whereas, after retiring, Dorothy Post Hoover wrote numerous books on subjects
20 ranging from fictional adventures and mysteries to highly researched theological commentaries;
21 and

22 Whereas, Dorothy Post Hoover was a founding member of All Saints Anglican
23 Church in Mills River but, in her later years, returned to her former church, St. Mary's
24 Episcopal Church in Asheville; and

25 Whereas, Dorothy Post Hoover was honored as one of the WASPs featured in a
26 special DVD, "Fly Girls of World War II," produced by retired National Geographic
27 photographer Tom Nebbia for the WASP Reunion held in Texas in 2000; and

28 Whereas, Dorothy Post Hoover died on March 15, 2015, at the age of 98; Now,
29 therefore,

30 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

31 **SECTION 1.** The House of Representatives honors the memory of Dorothy Post
32 Hoover, a member of the Women Airforce Service Pilots, and expresses its gratitude for her
33 service to this nation during World War II as one of the first women to fly American military
34 aircraft.



- 1 **SECTION 2.** The Principal Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution
- 2 to the family of Dorothy Post Hoover.
- 3 **SECTION 3.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.