

IN THE SENATE

SENATE PROCLAMATION NO. 101

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A PROCLAMATION

1
2 COMMENDING DOUGLAS ROBERT GWIN FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES AS A
3 HIGH-SPEED RADIO OPERATOR DURING WORLD WAR II.

4 We, the members of the Senate of the State of Idaho assembled in the Sec-
5 ond Regular Session of the Sixty-seventh Idaho Legislature, do hereby pro-
6 claim:

7 WHEREAS, Douglas Robert Gwin resides in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and
8 served in the United States Army in World War II. Mr. Gwin will be turning 100
9 years old on April 13, 2024; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Gwin was selected to be in the Signal Corps and went
11 through basic training at Camp Kohler in California. After excelling at
12 learning Morse code, he was sent to radio school in Athens, Georgia. Mr.
13 Gwin excelled there as well, passing 26 words per minute as a high-speed
14 operator; and

15 WHEREAS, after graduation, Mr. Gwin was sent to Drew Field in Florida
16 and assigned to the Tenth Air Force, which was operating in Burma; and

17 WHEREAS, he served in the Army as a high-speed radio operator from Jan-
18 uary 13, 1943, the day he was inducted, to November 19, 1945, after World War
19 II ended; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Gwin was part of a ground observer unit, responsible for
21 recording airplanes that flew overhead, both enemy and friendly, and trans-
22 mitting that information via Morse code to headquarters at airfields; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Gwin's positive attitude toward life and his fierce loy-
24 alty and love for his service members and community is worthy of recognition.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the members of the Senate assembled
26 in the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-seventh Idaho Legislature, that
27 we recognize, honor, and commend Mr. Douglas Robert Gwin for his service to
28 our country as he approaches his 100th birthday and a copy of this Proclama-
29 tion shall be presented to Douglas Robert Gwin.