

BY ALDS. BOHL, WITKOWSKI

Resolution recognizing and commemorating the heroism and sacrifice of Norman “Norm” Neitzke, who served in the U.S. Army’s “Easy Company” and passed from this life on December 8, 2008.

WHEREAS,

NORMAN “NORM” NEITZKE

passed from this life on December 8, 2008 at the age of 87, and a new plaque was installed in his honor at the corner of 76th St. and Appleton Ave. on November 7, 2013; and

WHEREAS, *Norman “Norm” Neitzke was born on February 12, 1926, in Milwaukee, and attended Washington High School, skipping his graduation to attend boot camp, and he joined the legendary ‘Easy Company’ of the U.S. Army’s 506th Regiment, 101st Airborne in 1945 and is one of the original ‘Band of Brothers’ who are immortalized in Steven Ambrose’s bestselling book ‘Band of Brothers’; and*

WHEREAS, *Norm Neitzke was a war hero, who fought bravely for his country in World War II, and his and his company’s experiences are never to be forgotten, including his memory of going into the concentration camps to give food to victims, and he recollected “It kind of made you think why I went to fight. We said, ‘Now we know,’ after seeing the concentration camp victims,” and experiences like these are recounted in writing, as well as the HBO series ‘Band of Brothers’, in which Neitzke and his ‘brothers’ are featured in episodes talking about their experiences; and*

WHEREAS, *Norm Neitzke was a true Army man, even after he returned home, serving in the reserves for several decades and volunteering for numerous veterans groups, and he truly enjoyed talking with his fellow veterans, especially in his last years, where he made a conscious effort to pass down his history and memories; and*

WHEREAS, *Upon his return to Milwaukee from service, Norm married Lucille, and they had one son and two daughters together, and Norm worked hard as an insurance salesman, eventually starting Tri-County Insurance Agency in Milwaukee, where he was still working part-time upon his death; and*

WHEREAS, *Norm Neitzke remained in steady contact with the members of the 101st, attending reunions and banquets, and his daughter recollected that her summers always involved the 101st Airborne Division and their reunions in various states, as Norm was truly a ‘soldier’s soldier,’ never forgetting his experiences and the memories he made with the ‘band of brothers’; now therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes and commemorates the heroism and sacrifice of Norman “Norm” Neitzke, and marks with great respect the dedication of this new plaque in his honor; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Norman ‘Norm’ Neitzke.*

Introduced by Common Council members Jim Bohl and Terry L. Witkowski and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on November 26, 2013.