

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2022-4652, by Representatives Caldier, Chambers, Callan,
and Ramos

1 WHEREAS, The United States owes an immeasurable debt to members
2 of the armed forces who fought for our country on the front lines of
3 World War II, spending months overseas away from their families
4 during long deployments in the most dangerous circumstances
5 imaginable; and

6 WHEREAS, The U.S. Marine Raiders were the first special forces
7 unit formed in the American military in February 1942 in four
8 battalions - Edson, Carlson, Roosevelt, and Liversedge - during World
9 War II; and

10 WHEREAS, The U.S. Marine Raiders played a large role in victories
11 at Makin Island, Tulagi, Guadalcanal, Guam, and Okinawa during World
12 War II; and

13 WHEREAS, According to the Marine Raider Association and
14 Foundation, the WWII Marine Raider Battalions earned seven Medals of
15 Honor, 141 Navy Crosses, and 330 Silver Stars; and

16 WHEREAS, Charles "Chuck" Meacham of Gig Harbor, Washington,
17 served in the United States Marine Corps 3rd Marine Raider Battalion
18 Unit during World War II on the Pacific Islands of Bougainville,
19 Emirau, Guam, and Okinawa; and

20 WHEREAS, Charles "Chuck" Meacham spent 24 consecutive months in
21 the South Pacific engaging in combat as a BAR man on Bougainville,
22 Emirau, Guam, and Okinawa; and

