

RESOLUTION

Recognizing Victor L. Lewis, Hospital Corpsman Third Class, United States Navy, on the occasion of his receipt of the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement during his tour of duty under Operation Iraqi Freedom.

WHEREAS, Hospital Corpsman Third Class Victor L. Lewis is a part-time EMS Operator at the Department of Justice Affairs/Division of Emergency Services/CECOMS. He has also served his community as a full-time Cleveland Firefighter. He furthered his desire to be of service to his fellow man by entering the United States Navy.

WHEREAS, Hospital Corpsman Third Class Victor L. Lewis proudly served his country as Platoon Corpsman, 2nd Platoon, Company L, 3rd Battalion, 25th Marines, Regimental Combat Team 2, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM 04-06.

WHEREAS, Hospital Corpsman Third Class Victor L. Lewis's platoon was engaged on April 5, 2005 by a well-coordinated enemy ambush during a raid to locate an enemy weapons cache in Haqlinayah, Iraq. Even though enemy mortars, rocket-propelled grenades and heavy machine-gun fire impacted his position, he was able to return fire with his M16-A2 rifle.

WHEREAS, Hospital Corpsman Third Class Victor L. Lewis then noticed a wounded Marine, and ran 40 meters through machine-gun fire to guide the Marine to a covered position and administer first aid. He then ran through the machine-gun fire again to administer first aid to another wounded Marine. Because he was in an exposed position, Hospital Corpsman Third Class Lewis picked up the Marine and, with assistance, moved him to a secure area, where he was able to treat the Marine's wounds and expedite medical evacuation.

WHEREAS, Hospital Corpsman Third Class Victor L. Lewis showed little regard for his own personal safety by exposing himself to intense machine-gun fire on two occasions so he could treat two wounded Marines and get them to safety. Because of his courageous actions, he was presented with the Bronze Star Medal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, hereby recognizes Victor L. Lewis for his courage, initiative and devotion to duty. He has reflected great credit upon himself and has upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. Congratulations on the receipt of this most deserved honor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board be, and she is, hereby instructed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Steven Terry, Director, Department of Justice Affairs; Murray Withrow, Manager, Department of Justice Affairs/Emergency Services Division and Robert J. Cermak, Manager, Department of Justice Affairs/Cuyahoga Regional Information System.

On Motion of Commissioner Hagan, seconded by Commissioner Jones, the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.

Ayes: Hagan, Jones, Dimora.

Nays: None.

Resolution Adopted.

**Penelope M. Hughes,
Clerk of the Board**

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