

Resolution 2024-R10
Supporting the Medal of Honor be awarded to
Retired Major James Capers, Jr.

Whereas, all of America's combat veterans have earned our abiding respect and gratitude, and those who have demonstrated exceptional heroism on the battlefield are bestowed the Medal of Honor, our County's highest military decoration; and,

Whereas, Retired Major James Capers Jr. of the United States Marine Corps, displayed conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty on April 3rd, 1967, while on patrol in the Republic of Vietnam; and,

Whereas, his entire team of 8 Force Reconnaissance Marines sustained severe injuries during an ambush while on patrol, the Retired Major maintained total mental alertness and complete situational awareness despite his own 17 injuries, including multiple shrapnel wounds to the abdomen, lower extremities, and a broken leg; and,

Whereas, Retired Major Capers was able to coordinate the actions needed to halt the enemy's advance, direct the coordination of air, artillery, and mortar suppression in and around his team's position, and single handedly hold off additional enemies while his team made it towards the landing zone for a medical evacuation helicopter; and,

Whereas, we believe in properly recognizing acts of extraordinary valor by military personnel by awarding them the Congressional Medal of Honor for their exceptional courage and selflessness beyond the call of duty in combat situations.

Now, therefore, be it resolved the Swansboro Board of Commissioners hereby express their sincere gratitude to Retired Major James Capers, Jr., for the sacrifices he has made for his Country and fully supports that Retired Major James Capers, Jr. be awarded the distinguished Congressional Medal of Honor.

Adopted the 10th day of December 2024.

William Justice, Mayor Pro Tem

Attest:

Alissa Fender, Town Clerk