

**TUSCOLA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

2026 - 09

Resolution Honoring Staff Sergeant Terry Patrick Richardson

Whereas, Staff Sergeant Terry Patrick Richardson of the U.S. Army, Company A, 1st Battalion, 28th Infantry Regiment was awarded the prestigious Congressional Medal of Honor on March 2, 2026 at the White House by President Donald J. Trump; and

Whereas, Staff Sergeant Richardson's bravery on September 14, 1968 while serving as the Lima Platoon Leader in the 1st Infantry Division in the vicinity of Loc Ninh, Republic of Vietnam; and

Whereas, Staff Sergeant Richardson and his company's mission was to secure Hill 222 in hostile enemy territory near the Cambodian border; and

Whereas, Staff Sergeant Richardson and his Lima Platoon came under attack and three of the squad members became severely wounded and pinned between three enemy machine gun bunkers; and

Whereas, Staff Sergeant Richardson went three separate times under heavy enemy fire to recover his wounded soldiers amid massive machine gun fire; and

Whereas, After Staff Sergeant Richardson bravely recovered his wounded Soldiers and made it back to join his unit, his entire company was totally surrounded by the enemy; and

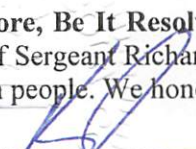
Whereas, Staff Sergeant Richardson made the decision for his Soldiers to cover him and without regard for his own life, he advanced to the top of Hill 222 under heavy enemy fire for better sight lines to be able to direct the tactical air strikes and in doing so he became wounded by an enemy sniper; and

Whereas, Staff Sergeant Richardson continued directing tactical strikes for seven more hours, before the enemy retreated and six soldiers from his platoon found him alive but wounded and unable to hear due to his proximity to the artillery dropping all around him. Richardson declined medical attention and evacuation for his gunshot wound to stay and lead his soldiers; and

Whereas, By Staff Sergeant Richardson's instructions of the tactical air strikes allowed his company to secure Hill 222 saving 82 lives of his fellow soldiers who remained in Alpha Company; and

Whereas, Staff Sergeant Richardson's bravery, fortitude and grit at the risk of his own life was above and beyond the call of duty, which is the highest tradition of military service and a great merit to himself, his unit, and the United State Army.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that on behalf of the residents of Tuscola County, the Board of Commissioners commends Staff Sergeant Richardson for his tremendous courage under extreme circumstances and his time of service to the American people. We honor him for a job well done.



Kim Vaughan – Chairperson



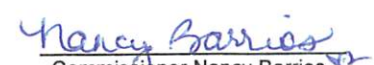
Thomas Bardwell, Vice-Chairperson



Commissioner Bill Lutz



Commissioner Matt Koch



Commissioner Nancy Barrios

I, Jodi Fetting, Tuscola County Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners at its meeting on May 11, 2026.

Date May 11, 2026



Jodi Fetting - Tuscola County Clerk

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