

REMARKS BY GOVERNOR JAMES B. EDWARDS  
INTRODUCTION OF HARRY G. WILES, NATIONAL COMMANDER, AMERICAN LEGION  
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Mr. President, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the  
General Assembly:

The last time I had the opportunity to speak before this body  
I promised a short speech. Today, I promise an even shorter one.

I have the privilege of introducing to you today a man who  
serves as the leader of some of America's  
most outstanding citizens...the ~~members~~ 2.7 million members  
of the American Legion.

Commander Wiles is a most outstanding American and Legionnaire in his  
own right. After a distinguished record as a naval officer during World  
War Two, he began his long service as a member of the American Legion.

He is a successful practicing attorney in the State of ~~Kan~~  
Kansas who has been active in all phases of community and church functions.

Commander Wiles was almost Governor Wiles back in 1964, when he  
ran for the office of Governor of Kansas. He lost that election by  
one percent of the votes cast. Commander..let ~~me~~ me tell you from  
personal experience...when you were elected national commander...you  
won the right election.

I take great pleasure in introducing to you..the National Commander  
of the American Legion....Mr. Harry G. Wiles.