**Congressional Gold Medal for Ed Bearss**

Dear Members and Supporters of Pamplin Historical Park,

On April, 28th 2015 the 114th Congress of the United States introduced H.R.2059 in the House of Representatives. This bill would award a Congressional Gold Medal to Edwin Cole “Ed” Bearss, in recognition of his contributions to the preservation of American Civil War history and his continued efforts to bring our nation’s history alive for new generations. Congress awards the Congressional Gold Medal to express public gratitude for distinguished contributions and achievements that have had a significant impact on history and culture.

Mr. Bearss’ devoted his distinguished forty-year career with the National Park Service to the preservation and dissemination of our nation’s history. He served as the National Park Service’s Chief Historian from 1981 to 1994. Following his retirement in 1994 he was named Chief Historian Emeritus, and his research and interpretation continue to this day. Mr. Bearss is a long-time friend of Pamplin Historical Park and Executive Director A. Wilson Greene. The Congressional Gold Medal would be a fitting honor for a man who has given so much to his field.

We urge you to please support the passing of H.R.2059 by writing your Representative and expressing your approval! For more information on the bill please follow the link below.

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/house-bill/2059/text>