

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. RES. 239

Supporting the goals and ideals of “National Purple Heart Recognition Day”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 4, 2009

Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mrs. SHAHEEN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideals of “National Purple Heart Recognition Day”.

Whereas the Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration in the world in present use;

Whereas the Purple Heart is awarded in the name of the President to a member of the Armed Forces who is wounded in a conflict with an enemy force or is wounded while held by an enemy force as a prisoner of war, and is awarded posthumously to the next of kin of a member of the Armed Forces who is killed in a conflict with an enemy force or who dies of wounds received in a conflict with an enemy force;

Whereas the Purple Heart was established on August 7, 1782, during the Revolutionary War, when General George Washington issued an order establishing the Hon-

orary Badge of Distinction, otherwise known as the
Badge of Military Merit;

Whereas the award of the Purple Heart ceased with the end
of the Revolutionary War, but was revived in 1932, the
200th anniversary of the birth of George Washington, out
of respect for his memory and military achievements; and

Whereas observing National Purple Heart Recognition Day is
a fitting tribute to George Washington and to the more
than 1,535,000 recipients of the Purple Heart, approxi-
mately 550,000 of whom are still living: Now, therefore,
be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) supports the goals and ideals of “National
3 Purple Heart Recognition Day”;

4 (2) encourages all people in the United States
5 to learn about the history of the Purple Heart and
6 to honor its recipients; and

7 (3) calls upon the people of the United States
8 to conduct appropriate ceremonies, activities, and
9 programs to demonstrate support for members of
10 the Armed Forces who have been awarded the Pur-
11 ple Heart.

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