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Joint Resolution

Designating the week beginning November 8, 1987, as "National Women Veterans Recognition Week".

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- Whereas there are about one million two hundred thousand women veterans in this country, representing 4.2 per centum of the total veteran population;
- Whereas the number and proportion of women veterans will continue to grow as the number and proportion of women serving in the Armed Forces continue to increase;
- Whereas women veterans through honorable military service often involving hardship and danger have contributed greatly to our national security;
- Whereas women veterans continue to contribute greatly to our society in civilian life, bringing with them their valuable military service experience and expertise;
- Whereas the contributions and sacrifices of women veterans on behalf of this Nation deserve greater public recognition and appreciation;
- Whereas the special needs of women veterans, especially in the area of health care, have in the past been overlooked or inadequately addressed by the Federal Government;
- Whereas this lack of attention to the special needs of women veterans was among the factors that tended to discourage or prevent women veterans from taking full advantage of the benefits and services to which they are entitled as veterans of the United States Armed Forces;
- Whereas important steps have been taken to improve the accessibility and quality of health care for women veterans, yet women veterans are still far less likely than male veterans to utilize their Veterans' Administration benefits; and
- Whereas recognition of women veterans by the Congress and the President through enactment of legislation declaring the week beginning on November 8, 1987, as "National Women Veterans Recognition Week" would serve to create greater public awareness and recognition of the contribution of women veterans, to express the Nation's appreciation for their service, to inspire more responsive care and services for women veterans, and to continue and reinforce important gains made in this regard in the last three years as a result of the designation of the first, second, and third National Women Veterans Recognition Weeks in November of 1984, 1985, and 1986: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the week beginning on November 8, 1987, is designated "National Women Veterans Recognition Week". The President is requested to issue a proclamation calling upon all citizens, community leaders, interested organizations, and Government officials to observe that week with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

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