

108TH CONGRESS
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S. RES. 204

Designating the week of November 9 through November 15, 2003, as “National Veterans Awareness Week” to emphasize the need to develop educational programs regarding the contributions of veterans to the country.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 29 (legislative day, JULY 21), 2003

Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BOND, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. CAMPBELL, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. DODD, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KOHL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. LUGAR, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MILLER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. REID, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SMITH, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. WARNER, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. LEVIN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Designating the week of November 9 through November 15, 2003, as “National Veterans Awareness Week” to emphasize the need to develop educational programs regarding the contributions of veterans to the country.

Whereas tens of millions of Americans have served in the Armed Forces of the United States during the past century;

Whereas hundreds of thousands of Americans have given their lives while serving in the Armed Forces during the past century;

Whereas the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by Americans;

Whereas the advent of the all-volunteer Armed Forces has resulted in a sharp decline in the number of individuals and families who have had any personal connection with the Armed Forces;

Whereas this reduction in familiarity with the Armed Forces has resulted in a marked decrease in the awareness by young people of the nature and importance of the accomplishments of those who have served in the Armed Forces, despite the current educational efforts of the Department of Veterans Affairs and the veterans service organizations;

Whereas the system of civilian control of the Armed Forces makes it essential that the future leaders of the Nation understand the history of military action and the contributions and sacrifices of those who conduct such actions; and

Whereas, on November 6, 2002, President George W. Bush issued a proclamation urging all Americans to observe November 10 through November 16, 2002, as National Veterans Awareness Week: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved,*

1 **SECTION 1. NATIONAL VETERANS AWARENESS WEEK.**

2 (a) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the
3 Senate that the President should designate the week of
4 November 9 through November 15, 2003, as “National
5 Veterans Awareness Week”.

6 (b) PROCLAMATION.—The Senate requests the Presi-
7 dent to issue a proclamation—

8 (1) designating the week of November 9
9 through November 15, 2003, as “National Veterans
10 Awareness Week” for the purpose of emphasizing
11 educational efforts directed at elementary and sec-
12 ondary school students concerning the contributions
13 and sacrifices of veterans; and

14 (2) calling on the people of the United States
15 to observe National Veterans Awareness Week with
16 appropriate educational activities.

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