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Joint Resolution

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Designating the week beginning November 8, 1992, as "National Women Veterans Recognition Week".

- Whereas 1992 marks the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, the Women Accepted for Voluntary Emergency Service, the Women Air Force Service Pilots, and the Women's Reserve of the Coast Guard, in which more than 400,000 women served during World War II;
- Whereas there are more than 1,200,000 women veterans in the United States representing 4.6 percent of the total veteran population;
- Whereas the number of women serving in the United States Armed Forces and the number of women veterans continue to increase;
- Whereas women veterans have contributed greatly to the security of the United States through honorable military service, often involving great hardship and danger;
- Whereas women are performing a wider range of tasks in the United States Armed Forces, as demonstrated by the participation of women in the military actions taken in Panama and the Persian Gulf region;
- Whereas the special needs of women veterans, especially in the area of health care, have often been overlooked or inadequately addressed by the Federal Government;
- Whereas the lack of attention to the special needs of women veterans has discouraged or prevented many women veterans from taking full advantage of the benefits and services to which they are entitled; and
- Whereas designating a week to recognize women veterans will help both to promote important gains made by women veterans and to focus attention on the special needs of women veterans:
- 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 November 8, 1992, is designated as "National Women Veterans Recognition Week", and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe that week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Approved October 24, 1992.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—S.J. Res. 309:

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