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Joint Resolution

Authorizing and requesting the President to issue a proclamation designating the week of August 1, 1982, through August 7, 1982, as "National Purple Heart Week".

Aug. 2, 1982
[H.J. Res. 526]

Whereas countless valiant Americans have been wounded in combat while defending our great Nation against armed enemies and have received the Purple Heart Medal in recognition of their sacrifices for our country; and

Whereas, through this service to our Nation and because of the nature of their injuries, these Purple Heart recipients will bear their battle wounds for life; and

Whereas August 7, 1982, marks the two hundredth anniversary of General George Washington's order first establishing the Purple Heart Medal; and

Whereas it is most appropriate that this special group of veterans be recognized for their outstanding contributions to our national security and welfare in this special anniversary year: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation designating the week of August 1, 1982, through August 7, 1982, as "National Purple Heart Week" in recognition of the countless contributions our combat wounded Purple Heart recipients have made to the security and welfare of the United States, and calling upon all government agencies and the people of the United States to observe the week with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

National Purple Heart Week.

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