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Designating August 3, 1983, as "National Paralyzed Veterans Recognition Day".

Whereas among those Americans who have answered their country's call to service in defense of its freedoms, there are thousands who, as a result of service in our Nation's military forces, have suffered the catastrophic disability of paralysis;

Whereas despite the extreme severity of this disability, these veterans have succeeded in leading useful and productive lives, in part through Federal programs for their readjustment but, more significantly, by drawing upon a special brand of heroism;

Whereas our country now enjoys the blessing of peace, and it is appropriate that all Americans recognize the special debt owed to those who have been paralyzed in the defense of our freedoms during the wars of this century; and

Whereas the sacrifices and contributions that these veterans have made and the service rendered by the many veterans who later suffered paralysis from nonservice related causes are deserving of national recognition: Now, therefore, be it

National Paralyzed Veterans Recognition Day.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That August 3, 1983, is designated as "National Paralyzed Veterans Recognition Day", and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States and interested groups and organizations to set aside this day to honor the sacrifices and service of paralyzed veterans in an appropriate manner.

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