

Public Law 98-330
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Joint Resolution

To designate the month of June 1984 as "Veterans' Preference Month".

June 30, 1984

[S.J. Res. 297]

Whereas the principle of providing preference in Federal civilian employment for veterans of the Armed Forces was first established in law in 1865 when Congress provided such a preference for Civil War veterans with service-connected disabilities;

Whereas the enactment of the Veterans' Preference Act of 1944 on June 27, 1944, was a landmark in the national policy of veterans' preference in civil service employment and has been strengthened since by law, Executive orders, and regulations providing such preference for veterans and the spouses, surviving spouses, and parents of certain veterans;

58 Stat. 387.

Whereas veterans' preference and career merit principles are inseparable and integral parts of the Federal civil service personnel system;

Whereas veterans' preference is a partial recognition of the great debt of gratitude that the Nation owes to its veterans of service in the Armed Forces; and

Whereas it is appropriate to establish the month of June 1984, the fortieth anniversary of the enactment of the Veterans' Preference Act of 1944, as Veterans' Preference Month to honor the men and women who have served the United States in the Armed Forces: Now, therefore, be it

58 Stat. 387.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the month of June 1984 is hereby designated as "Veterans' Preference Month". The President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the departments and agencies of the United States and interested organizations and groups to observe such month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

Approved June 30, 1984.

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