

106TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. 1419

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## AN ACT

To amend title 36, United States Code, to designate May  
as “National Military Appreciation Month”.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. NATIONAL MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH.**

2 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-  
3 ings:

4 (1) The freedom and security that citizens of  
5 the United States enjoy today are direct results of  
6 the vigilance of the United States Armed Forces.

7 (2) Recognizing contributions made by mem-  
8 bers of the United States Armed Forces will increase  
9 national awareness of the sacrifices that such mem-  
10 bers have made to preserve the freedoms and lib-  
11 erties that enrich this Nation.

12 (3) It is important to preserve and foster admi-  
13 ration and respect for the service provided by mem-  
14 bers of the United States Armed Forces.

15 (4) It is vital for youth in the United States to  
16 understand that the service provided by members of  
17 the United States Armed Forces has secured and  
18 protected the freedoms that United States citizens  
19 enjoy today.

20 (5) Recognizing the unfailing support that fam-  
21 ilies of members of the United States Armed Forces  
22 have provided to such members during their service  
23 and how such support strengthens the vitality of our  
24 Nation is important.

25 (6) Recognizing the role that the United States  
26 Armed Forces plays in maintaining the superiority

1 of the United States as a nation and in contributing  
2 to world peace will increase awareness of all con-  
3 tributions made by such Forces.

4 (7) It is appropriate to recognize the impor-  
5 tance of maintaining a strong, equipped, well-edu-  
6 cated, well-trained military for the United States to  
7 safeguard freedoms, humanitarianism, and peace-  
8 keeping efforts around the world.

9 (8) It is proper to foster and cultivate the  
10 honor and pride that citizens of the United States  
11 feel towards members of the United States Armed  
12 Forces for the protection and service that such  
13 members provide.

14 (9) Recognizing the many sacrifices made by  
15 members of the United States Armed Forces is im-  
16 portant.

17 (10) It is proper to recognize and honor the  
18 dedication and commitment of members of the  
19 United States Armed Forces, and to show apprecia-  
20 tion for all contributions made by such members  
21 since the inception of such Forces.

22 (b) NATIONAL MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH.—  
23 Chapter 1 of part A of subtitle I of title 36, United States  
24 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

1 **“§ 144. National Military Appreciation Month**

2 “The President shall issue each year a  
3 proclamation—

4 “(1) designating May as ‘National Military Ap-  
5 preciation Month’; and

6 “(2) calling on the people of the United States  
7 to honor the dedicated service provided by the mem-  
8 bers of the United States Armed Forces and to ob-  
9 serve the month with appropriate ceremonies and ac-  
10 tivities.”.

11 (c) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents in  
12 chapter 1 of part A of subtitle I of title 36, United States  
13 Code, is amended by inserting after the item relating to  
14 section 143 the following new item:

“144. National Military Appreciation Month.”.

Passed the Senate June 6, 2000.

Attest:

*Secretary.*

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