

106TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. RES. 304

Expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the development of educational programs on veterans' contributions to the country and the designation of the week that includes Veterans Day as "National Veterans Awareness Week" for the presentation of such educational programs.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 9, 2000

Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. ROTH, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. AKAKA, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. BOND, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. BAYH, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. REID, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. L. CHAFEE, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. DODD, Mr. KERRY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. ROBB, Mr. ROBERTS, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. JOHNSON, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. KOHL, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MILLER, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. REED, Mr. BYRD, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. SANTORUM, and Mr. DORGAN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

SEPTEMBER 21, 2000

Reported by Mr. HATCH, without amendment and with an amendment to the title

SEPTEMBER 25 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 22), 2000

Considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the development of educational programs on veterans' contributions

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to the country and the designation of the week that includes Veterans Day as “National Veterans Awareness Week” for the presentation of such educational programs.

Whereas tens of millions of Americans have served in the Armed Forces of the United States during the past century;

Whereas hundreds of thousands of Americans have given their lives while serving in the Armed Forces during the past century;

Whereas the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining our freedoms and way of life;

Whereas the advent of the all-volunteer Armed Forces has resulted in a sharp decline in the number of individuals and families who have had any personal connection with the Armed Forces;

Whereas this reduction in familiarity with the Armed Forces has resulted in a marked decrease in the awareness by young people of the nature and importance of the accomplishments of those who have served in our Armed Forces, despite the current educational efforts of the Department of Veterans Affairs and the veterans service organizations; and

Whereas our system of civilian control of the Armed Forces makes it essential that the country’s future leaders understand the history of military action and the contributions and sacrifices of those who conduct such actions: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

1 (1) the Secretary of Education should work
2 with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, the Veterans
3 Day National Committee, and the veterans service
4 organizations to encourage, prepare, and disseminate
5 educational materials and activities for elementary
6 and secondary school students aimed at increasing
7 awareness of the contributions of veterans to the
8 prosperity and freedoms enjoyed by United States
9 citizens;

10 (2) the week that includes Veterans Day be des-
11 ignated as “National Veterans Awareness Week” for
12 the purpose of presenting such materials and activi-
13 ties; and

14 (3) the President should issue a proclamation
15 calling on the people of the United States to observe
16 such week with appropriate educational activities.

Amend the title to read: “Resolution Expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the development of educational programs on veterans’ contributions to the country and the designation of the week of November 5, 2000, as ‘National Veterans Awareness Week’ for the presentation of such educational programs.”.

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