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S. RES. 143

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 11 through November 17, 2001, as "National Veterans Awareness Week".

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 31, 2001

Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. DODD, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. DORGAN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. KERRY, Mr. INOUE, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MILLER, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. REID, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BYRD, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. KOHL, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. WARNER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. INHOFE, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. THURMOND, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CARPER, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, Mr. BOND, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. CARNAHAN, Mr. ALLEN, and Mr. SESSIONS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

AUGUST 3, 2001

Considered and agreed to

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 Novem-

ber 11 through November 17, 2001, as “National Veterans Awareness Week”.

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;

Whereas our system of civilian control of the Armed Forces makes it essential that the Nation’s future leaders understand the history of military action and the contributions and sacrifices of those who conduct such actions; and

Whereas on June 14, 2001, the Senate adopted an amendment to the Better Education for Students and Teachers Act expressing the sense of the Senate that the Secretary of Education should work with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, the Veterans Day National Committee, and the

veterans service organizations to encourage, prepare, and disseminate educational materials and activities for elementary and secondary school students aimed at increasing awareness of the contributions of veterans to the prosperity and freedoms enjoyed by United States citizens: Now, therefore, be it

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

2 (1) the week of November 11 through November
3 ber 17, 2001, be designated as “National Veterans
4 Awareness Week” for the purpose of emphasizing
5 educational efforts directed at elementary and sec-
6 ondary school students concerning the contributions
7 and sacrifices of veterans; and

8 (2) the President should issue a proclamation
9 calling on the people of the United States to observe
10 such week with appropriate educational activities.

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