

H. Res. 237

In the House of Representatives, U. S.,

October 23, 2007.

Whereas veterans of service in the United States Armed Forces have served the Nation with honor and at great personal sacrifice;

Whereas the American people owe the security of the Nation to those who have defended it;

Whereas on Memorial Day each year, the Nation honors those who lost their lives in service to the Nation;

Whereas on Veterans Day each year, the Nation honors those who have defended democracy by serving in the Armed Forces;

Whereas the observance of Memorial Day and Veterans Day is an expression of faith in democracy, faith in American values, and faith that those who fight for freedom will defeat those whose cause is unjust;

Whereas section 116(a) of title 36, United States Code, provides that “The last Monday in May is Memorial Day” and section 116(b) of that title requests the President to issue a proclamation each year calling on the people of the United States to observe Memorial Day by praying, according to their individual religious faith, for permanent peace, designating a period of time on Memorial Day during which the people may unite in prayer for a

permanent peace, calling on the people of the United States to unite in prayer at that time, and calling on the media to join in observing Memorial Day and the period of prayer;

Whereas section 4 of the National Moment of Remembrance Act (Public Law 106–579) provides, “The minute beginning at 3:00 p.m. (local time) on Memorial Day each year is designated as the ‘National Moment of Remembrance’”; and

Whereas Section 6103(a) of title 5, United States Code, provides that “Memorial Day, the last Monday in May” and “Veteran’s Day, November 11” are legal public holidays: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

- (1) encourages Americans to demonstrate their support for veterans on Veterans Day each year by treating that day as a special day of reflection;
- (2) encourages schools and teachers to educate students on the great contributions veterans have made to the country and its history, both while serving as members of the United States Armed Forces and after completing their service; and
- (3) requests that the President issue a proclamation each year in connection with the observance of Veterans Day calling on the people of the United States to ob-

serve that day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Attest:

Clerk.