

H. Res. 679

In the House of Representatives, U. S.,

September 15, 2009.

Whereas, on September 16, 1919, Congress issued the American Legion a Federal charter;

Whereas the American Legion, a veterans service organization, remains active at the national, State, and local levels;

Whereas American Legion members, known as Legionnaires, donate millions of volunteer hours in Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities and State veterans homes;

Whereas the American Legion sponsors and supports a number of activities for children and youth, including the National Oratorical Contest, Boy Scouts, American Legion Baseball, Boys State, and Boys Nation;

Whereas the American Legion awards millions of dollars in college scholarships;

Whereas the American Legion National Emergency Fund provides financial assistance to Legionnaires who are displaced by natural disasters;

Whereas the American Legion Family Support Network provides assistance to members of the Armed Forces and their families;

Whereas the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation has provided millions of dollars for programs focused on America's children and youth, such as the Special Olympics and the Children's Miracle Network;

Whereas the American Legion Temporary Financial Assistance program provides grants to veterans who have children and who are experiencing financial hardships;

Whereas the American Legion remains a steadfast supporter of a strong national defense;

Whereas the American Legion supports maintaining a viable but principled foreign affairs agenda;

Whereas the American Legion is a staunch advocate for the principal missions of the Department of Veterans Affairs;

Whereas the American Legion played a principal role in the drafting of the Serviceman's Readjustment Act of 1944, also known as the G.I. Bill of Rights;

Whereas the American Legion supports employment programs and opportunities for veterans;

Whereas Legionnaires believe a veteran's service to the United States goes on long after the veteran is discharged from the Armed Forces; and

Whereas many Americans recognize September 16 of each year as American Legion Day: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) supports the goals and ideals of American Legion Day; and

(2) calls upon the people of the United States to observe American Legion Day with appropriate programs and activities.

Attest:

Clerk.