

113TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. RES. 593

Designating December 13, 2014, as “Wreaths Across America Day”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 3, 2014

Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. KING) submitted the following resolution;
which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Designating December 13, 2014, as “Wreaths Across
America Day”.

Whereas 23 years ago, the Wreaths Across America project began an annual tradition of donating, transporting, and placing Maine balsam fir remembrance wreaths on the graves of our fallen heroes at Arlington National Cemetery during the month of December;

Whereas more than 1,700,000 wreaths have been sent to locations, including national cemeteries and veterans memorials, in every State and overseas;

Whereas the mission of the Wreaths Across America project to “Remember, Honor, Teach” is carried out in part by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery as well as veterans cemeteries and other locations in all 50 States and overseas;

Whereas the Wreaths Across America project carries out a week-long veterans parade between Maine and Virginia, stopping along the way to spread a message about the importance of remembering the fallen heroes of the United States, honoring those who serve, and teaching the people of the United States about the sacrifices made by veterans and their families to preserve freedom in the United States;

Whereas in 2013, remembrance wreaths were sent to more than 900 locations across the United States and overseas, 100 more locations than the previous year;

Whereas in December 2014, the Patriot Guard Riders, along with other patriotic groups, will continue the tradition of escorting tractor-trailers filled with donated wreaths from Harrington, Maine, to Arlington National Cemetery;

Whereas the Nation's trucking industry continues to support Wreaths Across America by providing drivers, equipment, and related services to assist in the transportation of wreaths to over 1,000 locations across the country;

Whereas thousands of individuals volunteer each December to lay remembrance wreaths;

Whereas 2014 is the 150th Anniversary of Arlington National Cemetery, where some 230,000 markers stand in honor of those who have served this country;

Whereas this year, it is the aspiration of Wreaths Across America to lay a wreath at the grave of every veteran buried at Arlington National Cemetery;

Whereas December 14, 2013, was previously designated by the Senate as "Wreaths Across America Day"; and

Whereas, on December 13, 2014, the Wreaths Across America project will continue the proud legacy of bringing re-

membrane wreaths to Arlington National Cemetery to honor our veterans: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates December 13, 2014, as “Wreaths
3 Across America Day”;

4 (2) honors the Wreaths Across America project,
5 the Patriot Guard Riders, the trucking industry, and
6 all of the volunteers and donors involved in this wor-
7 thy tradition; and

8 (3) recognizes the service and sacrifice that our
9 veterans, members of the Armed Forces, and their
10 families have made, and continue to make, for our
11 great Nation.

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