

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 14

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A RESOLUTION to designate the State of Tennessee as a Purple Heart State.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedom, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Tennesseans have continued this time-honored tradition of volunteerism through service in the United States Armed Forces, the Tennessee Military Department, and the Tennessee National Guard; and

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women of Tennessee who have served in the armed forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by the citizens of this State; and

WHEREAS, many men and women have given their lives while serving in the armed forces and, in recognition of their sacrifice, were awarded the Purple Heart Medal; and

WHEREAS, a combat decoration, the Purple Heart is awarded in the name of the President of the United States to any member of the armed forces who has been wounded or killed, or has died from wounds received in action; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee and its citizens have great admiration for and the utmost gratitude toward the men and women who have selflessly served their State and their country in the armed forces; and

WHEREAS, many intrepid men and women have earned the Purple Heart Medal as a result of their courage and gallantry during combat and deserve the proper recognition for their heroism and their commitment to duty; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we designate the State of Tennessee as a Purple Heart State to honor the service and sacrifice of our nation's men and women in uniform who have been wounded or killed while serving to protect the freedoms enjoyed by the citizens of this State and this nation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of the Department of Veterans' Affairs, the Adjutant General of the State, and the Commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Department of Tennessee.