

HR 8073

2017

1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing May 20, 2017, as "Armed
3 Forces Day" in the State of Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, the United States military has courageously and
6 steadfastly protected our country during times of war and peace
7 since its founding, and

8 WHEREAS, the United States Army, Navy, and Marine Corps
9 were established in 1775 in concurrence with the American
10 Revolution, followed by the Coast Guard in 1790 and the Air
11 Force in 1947, and

12 WHEREAS, the United States Armed Forces have bravely fought
13 for and defended the freedom of this nation with remarkable
14 displays of sacrifice and dedication during the American
15 Revolution, the War of 1812, the Mexican-American War, the Civil
16 War, the Spanish-American War, World War I, World War II, the
17 Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Persian Gulf War, Operation
18 Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, the Global War on
19 Terrorism, and countless other campaigns, and

20 WHEREAS, until 1949, the United States recognized the men
21 and women in our military by hosting separate celebrations for
22 Army Day, Air Force Day, Coast Guard Day, Marine Corps Day, and
23 Navy Day, and

24 WHEREAS, on August 31, 1949, Secretary of Defense Louis
25 Johnson announced the creation of an "Armed Forces Day," to

26 | replace the separate recognitions into a single-day celebration
 27 | for all branches of the Armed Forces, and

28 | WHEREAS, in his Presidential Proclamation on February 27,
 29 | 1950, President Harry S. Truman declared that the first Armed
 30 | Forces Day would be observed on Saturday, May 20, 1950, stating
 31 | that "it is fitting and proper that we devote one day each year
 32 | to paying tribute to the Armed Forces as the servants and
 33 | protectors of our Nation," and

34 | WHEREAS, Armed Forces Day is celebrated annually on the
 35 | third Saturday of May as a part of Armed Forces Week, which
 36 | begins on the second Saturday of May and ends on the third
 37 | Sunday of May, and

38 | WHEREAS, this year Armed Forces Day will be observed on the
 39 | day of the 67th anniversary of the very first Armed Forces Day,
 40 | and

41 | WHEREAS, Armed Forces Day honors former and current United
 42 | States Armed Forces servicemembers who have kept America safe
 43 | and free for over 240 years, NOW, THEREFORE,

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 45 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
 46 | Florida:

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 48 | That May 20, 2017, is recognized as "Armed Forces Day" in
 49 | the State of Florida, and the residents of this state are
 50 | encouraged to proudly join with the nation in celebrating the

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51 | accomplishments of the United States Armed Forces and honoring
52 | the sacrifice of those who have courageously defended our
53 | freedom and protected our homeland since before the founding of
54 | the republic.