

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

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A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring Indiana's women veterans.

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MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring Indiana's women
2 veterans.

3 *Whereas, Women are an essential part of the United States*
4 *military and the profession of arms, having served throughout*
5 *the history of the United States of America;*

6 *Whereas, Many women, unable to serve lawfully in the*
7 *profession of arms, provided critical support to the United*
8 *States Army during the American Revolutionary War as nurses,*
9 *seamstresses, and cooks;*

10 *Whereas, The U.S. Army reports that women did fight*
11 *alongside their husbands in combat or disguised themselves as*
12 *men in order to serve, and women took an active role providing*
13 *the military with intelligence on enemy troop movements*
14 *throughout the colonies and along the frontier;*

15 *Whereas, The U.S. Army reports that women served once*
16 *again during the Civil War in critical roles as nurses and aides*
17 *in addition to an estimated 400 women who secretly enlisted as*
18 *soldiers to fight in the Union or Confederate armies;*

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1 *Whereas, The U.S. Army established a permanent Nurse*
2 *Corps in 1901, recognizing the skilled role of nurses in the*
3 *military, especially during the Spanish-American War and an*
4 *outbreak of typhoid fever, when an estimated 1,500 contract*
5 *nurses served in Army and Navy general hospitals and*
6 *throughout the Northern Hemisphere during the war effort;*

7 *Whereas, An estimated 25,000 women between the ages of*
8 *21 and 69 served overseas during World War I, prompting*
9 *increased roles for women in the military in the Army, Navy,*
10 *and Marines as the United States' involvement in World War II*
11 *began in earnest;*

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13 *Whereas, During World War II, more than 60,000 Army*
14 *nurses served around the world, with an estimated 140,000*
15 *women serving in the U.S. Army and the Women's Army Corps;*

16 *Whereas, The U.S. Army reports that more than 1,000*
17 *women flew aircraft for the Women Airforce Service Pilots, a*
18 *civilian women pilots organization, during that same period;*

19 *Whereas, The role of women in the United States military*
20 *and their voluntary service continued to grow over the decades,*
21 *especially in nursing, and an estimated 170,000 women served*
22 *on active duty by 1980 according to the Women in Military*
23 *Service Memorial Foundation;*

24 *Whereas, The United States, acknowledging the value and*
25 *strength of women in the military, offered females the*
26 *opportunity to serve in combat roles throughout the armed*
27 *forces in 2015; and*

28 *Whereas, Women today serve and fight alongside their*
29 *fellow soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines, and guardians on*
30 *behalf of the United States of America: Therefore,*

31 Be it resolved by the Senate of the
32 General Assembly of the State of Indiana:



1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate honors Indiana's
2 women veterans for their service to the state of Indiana and
3 the United States of America.

4 SECTION 2. That the Indiana Senate joins all Hoosiers
5 in celebrating Women Veterans Recognition Day on June 12,
6 2023.

7 SECTION 3. That the Secretary of the Senate shall
8 transmit copies of this Resolution to Lisa Wilken, the
9 Veteran Support Council, and the Tri-State Women Veterans.

