

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 101

BY SENATORS HEITMEIER, ADLEY, ALARIO, ALLAIN, AMEDEE, APPEL, BROOME, BROWN, BUFFINGTON, CHABERT, CLAITOR, CORTEZ, CROWE, DONAHUE, DORSEY-COLOMB, ERDEY, GALLOT, GUILLORY, JOHNS, KOSTELKA, LAFLEUR, LONG, MARTINY, MILLS, MORRELL, MORRISH, MURRAY, NEVERS, PEACOCK, PERRY, PETERSON, RISER, GARY SMITH, JOHN SMITH, TARVER, THOMPSON, WALSWORTH, WARD AND WHITE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To declare the month of May as "National Military Appreciation Month" in Louisiana.

WHEREAS, as a nation, the United States observes and participates in various national cultural and social awareness events through mass media attention and educational curriculum; and

WHEREAS, the United States, through its citizens, has not always accorded appropriate recognition of the most important presence in the world today, the Armed Forces of the United States, an entity which impacts each and every American in many important ways; and

WHEREAS, National Military Appreciation Month has been designated by Congress to provide a period encompassing both the history and the recognition of our armed services with an in-depth look at the diversity of its individuals and achievements; and

WHEREAS, by thus designating this month, it allows Americans to educate each generation on the historical impact of our military through the participation of the community with those who serve, thus encouraging patriotism and a love and respect for America; and

WHEREAS, this month affords the nation a time and place on which to focus and draw attention to our many expressions of appreciation and recognition of our armed services through numerous activities and through becoming better acquainted with our rich American history; and

WHEREAS, this very important month honors, remembers, recognizes, and emphasizes appreciation of all military personnel; those men and women who have served throughout our history and all who now serve in uniform and their families, who sacrifice much to provide Americans with the freedoms which are expressed every day, as well as those in the armed services who have given their lives in defense of those freedoms; and

WHEREAS, as the state which is home to the National World War II Museum in New Orleans, it is especially fitting that Louisiana join in this national time of honor and tribute to all those heroes who have served in the armed services for their particular sacrifices in the name of liberty; and

WHEREAS, by declaring the month of May "National Military Appreciation Month", Americans recognize those on active duty in all branches of the services, Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, and Coast Guard, as well as those in the National Guard and Reserves, and all veterans and all of their families who number over ninety million Americans during the nearly two hundred forty years of this glorious republic, the United States of America.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby declare the month of May as "National Military Appreciation Month" in Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Shawn M. Cronan, chairman of the board of NOLA Patriots, a non-profit veterans' advocacy group.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES