

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 7, 2019

3 SENATE BILL NO. 232

By: Simpson and Rosino of the
Senate

4 and

5 Hardin (Tommy) of the House

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9 An Act relating to definitions and general
10 provisions; amending 25 O.S. 2011, Section 90.7, as
11 amended by Section 1, Chapter 111, O.S.L. 2015 (25
12 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 90.7), which relates to
13 Purple Heart Day; designating Oklahoma as a Purple
14 Heart State; and providing an effective date.

15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

16 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 25 O.S. 2011, Section 90.7, as
17 amended by Section 1, Chapter 111, O.S.L. 2015 (25 O.S. Supp. 2018,
18 Section 90.7), is amended to read as follows:

19 Section 90.7. Purple Heart Day. The seventh day of August of
20 each year is hereby established as "Purple Heart Day" in Oklahoma.
21 The Purple Heart, as established by George Washington in 1782 and
22 revived in 1932, is a decoration of honor awarded to members of the
23 Armed Forces and to United States citizens honorably wounded in
24 action.

1 All residents of this state are requested to devote some portion
2 of Purple Heart Day to recognizing and commemorating the recipients
3 of the Purple Heart who have demonstrated a commitment to fighting
4 for the ideals which have made this nation great, have served this
5 nation so valiantly, and are role models for all to emulate.

6 It is the intent of the Oklahoma Legislature that:

7 1. The Governor execute a proclamation each year in recognition
8 of Purple Heart Day;

9 2. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs encourage the observance
10 of Purple Heart Day with appropriate activities; ~~and~~

11 3. Each local chapter of all veterans' organizations plan
12 special activities and events to honor the Purple Heart recipients
13 in that chapter; and

14 4. That the State of Oklahoma be designated as a Purple Heart
15 State in recognition of the many citizens of the state who have
16 earned the Purple Heart Medal as a result of being wounded while
17 engaged in combat with an enemy force.

18 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

19 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS
20 February 7, 2019 - DO PASS

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