

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 39

By Crowe

A RESOLUTION to honor the Kings Mountain American Legion Post 24 on the occasion of its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should recognize those exemplary organizations and their remarkable members who, through their unwavering commitment to excellence, are a credit to this State; and

WHEREAS, one such notable organization is the Kings Mountain American Legion Post 24, which was chartered on October 3, 1919, and has devoted great effort to improving the lives of both the veterans of Johnson City and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, the American Legion was chartered by the United States Congress on September 16, 1919, and remains committed to caring for injured veterans and their families and maintaining true Americanism; the organization played an integral role in the creation of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944 (GI Bill) and the Veterans Health Administration; and

WHEREAS, internationally, the American Legion brings together a global network of 1.8 million individuals through more than 12,000 posts, all working within their communities to improve the lives of those around them; and

WHEREAS, in 2018 alone, the American Legion raised millions of dollars for Veterans Affairs hospitals, scholarships, charities, youth programs, school assistance, and family support, and its members contributed more than four million volunteer hours; and

WHEREAS, over the last century, Kings Mountain Post 24 has provided food, clothing, shelter, money, and counseling services to members and other veterans in the Johnson City area; the organization has had more than 8,000 members and ninety post commanders; and

WHEREAS, in 1937, Kings Mountain Post 24 purchased and installed the "Doughboy" statue, which was placed in Memorial Park and dedicated to all who served during World War I; and

WHEREAS, the premier veteran's service organization in Johnson City, Kings Mountain Post 24 sponsors youth sports teams, provides Thanksgiving dinner to the Boys and Girls Club, hosts Memorial Day services, and supports the Washington County and Johnson City Memorial Park and ceremonies and programs at the Mountain Home Veterans Affairs and Mountain Home National Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, Kings Mountain Post 24 chartered Boy Scout Troop 237, initiated the 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony honoring first responders, and hosted the 2018 Veterans Day Parade, the first in more than forty years; members also support "Honoring Our Heroes" and the Johnson City Sesquicentennial Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, Kings Mountain American Legion Post 24 is most assuredly worthy of recognition and approbation on this momentous occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we congratulate the members, both past and present, of Kings Mountain American Legion Post 24 on the post's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for every continued success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.