

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 466

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A RESOLUTION to commemorate "Run for the Wall Week," May 15-24, 2019.

WHEREAS, in May 1989, 115 motor bikes left San Diego, California, to travel to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, known as "The Wall," located in Washington, D.C., in an effort to raise awareness about prisoners of war/missing in action (POW/MIA) from all wars; and

WHEREAS, only fifteen of the riders completed what has now become known as "Run for The Wall," an event that empowers participants to "ride for those who can't," promotes healing among all veterans and their families and friends, calls for an accounting of all prisoners of war and those missing in action, honors the memory of those killed in action, and supports our military personnel around the world; and

WHEREAS, the number of unaccounted for Americans has slowly decreased in the past years, but many families still have not had their closure; therefore, the Run for the Wall rides strive to keep accountability in the forefront and raise visibility, while also saluting the women and men who have proudly worn the uniform of the United States of America and the families who have served alongside them; and

WHEREAS, in every generation, there are courageous Americans who answer the call to serve in our Armed Forces; they represent the very best of the human spirit and stand tall for the values and freedoms we cherish; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we pay tribute to our service members who have not returned from the battlefield, stand beside their families, and honor those who are held captive as prisoners of war; 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 join with the citizens of Tennessee as they commemorate "Run for the Wall Week," May 15-24, 2019, and salute the many volunteers and participants who make this such a special event of remembrance as they continue their mission to raise awareness about American POW/MIAs.

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