

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1490

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A RESOLUTION to commemorate Armed Forces Day on May 21, 2022.

WHEREAS, celebrated each year on the third Saturday in May, Armed Forces Day is a day to pay special tribute to the men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, Armed Forces Day is a joint celebration of all six branches of the U.S. military: Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Navy, and the newly created Space Force; and

WHEREAS, the day honors all those who have served or are currently serving in our nation's Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Space Force, and Coast Guard, whether they are on active duty or in the National Guard or Reserves; and

WHEREAS, President Harry S. Truman led the effort to establish a single holiday for citizens to come together and thank our military members for their patriotic service in support of our county; and

WHEREAS, on August 31, 1949, Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson announced the creation of an Armed Forces Day to replace separate Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force days; the single-day celebration stemmed from the unification of the Armed Forces under one department: the Department of Defense; and

WHEREAS, on Armed Forces Day 1962, President John F. Kennedy advised the people of the United States to "guard zealously your right to serve in the Armed Forces, for without them, there will be no other rights to guard"; and

WHEREAS, Armed Forces Day is an opportunity to thank our military men and women for their selfless sacrifice in defense of the priceless freedom and liberty our nation holds dear; and

WHEREAS, the Volunteer State is always at the forefront of patriotism, and this observance is no exception; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we commemorate Armed Forces Day on May 21, 2022, and pay tribute to the patriots who risk their lives, sometimes giving their last full measure of devotion, to preserve the vision of our forebears and the freedoms we enjoy today.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.