

115TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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Supporting the goals and ideals of National Purple Heart Recognition Day.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. MANCHIN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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## RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Purple Heart Recognition Day.

Whereas, on August 7, 1782, during the Revolutionary War, General George Washington established what is now known as the Purple Heart Medal when he issued an order establishing the Badge of Military Merit;

Whereas the Badge of Military Merit was designed in the shape of a heart in purple cloth or silk;

Whereas, while the award of the Badge of Military Merit ceased with the end of the Revolutionary War, the Purple Heart Medal was authorized in 1932 as the official successor decoration to the Badge of Military Merit;

Whereas the Purple Heart Medal is the oldest United States military decoration in present use;

Whereas the Purple Heart Medal is awarded in the name of the President of the United States to recognize members of the Armed Forces who are killed or wounded in action against an enemy of the United States or are killed or wounded while held as prisoners of war;

Whereas the Purple Heart Medal has been awarded to more than 1,800,000 recipients; and

Whereas August 7, 2017, is an appropriate day to celebrate as National Purple Heart Recognition Day: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2               (1) supports the goals and ideals of National  
3       Purple Heart Recognition Day; and

4               (2) encourages all people of the United  
5       States—

6                       (A) to learn about the history of the Pur-  
7       ple Heart Medal;

8                       (B) to honor recipients of the Purple  
9       Heart Medal; and

10                      (C) to conduct appropriate ceremonies, ac-  
11       tivities, and programs to demonstrate support  
12       for people who have been awarded the Purple  
13       Heart Medal.