

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION

No. 60

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 221st LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Declares NJ “Purple Heart State.”

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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1 **A JOINT RESOLUTION** declaring New Jersey a “Purple Heart State”
2 and supplementing chapter 15 to Title 38A of the New Jersey
3 Statutes.
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5 **WHEREAS**, Throughout our nation’s history, New Jersey’s veterans
6 and active duty military members have selflessly fought to preserve
7 our nation’s freedom; and
8 **WHEREAS**, The Purple Heart is the oldest, and among the most
9 venerated, American military decorations awarded in the name of
10 the President to service members wounded or killed while serving
11 in our nation’s Armed Forces; and
12 **WHEREAS**, A Purple Heart Medal is a solemn distinction representing
13 the great personal sacrifices made by a service member while
14 serving in the line of duty; and
15 **WHEREAS**, Purple Heart Medal recipients deserve recognition and
16 honor for the bravery that the recipients have shown while serving
17 in our nation’s Armed Forces; and
18 **WHEREAS**, Three states, West Virginia, Virginia, and Washington, are
19 declared “Purple Heart States”; and
20 **WHEREAS**, The “Purple Heart Trail,” a symbolic and honorary system
21 of roads, highways, bridges and other monuments that pay tribute to
22 the veterans and active duty military members who have been
23 awarded the Purple Heart Medal, exists in parts of 45 states; and
24 **WHEREAS**, New Jersey has multiple counties, cities, and locations that
25 are recognized as part of the “Purple Heart Trail”; and
26 **WHEREAS**, The “Purple Heart Trail” was established by resolution
27 during the 1992 Military Order of the Purple Heart convention, held
28 in Cherry Hill, New Jersey; and
29 **WHEREAS**, Declaring New Jersey as a “Purple Heart State” honors the
30 contributions and sacrifices of New Jersey service members who
31 have received the Purple Heart Medal; and
32 **WHEREAS**, Many service members from New Jersey have earned the
33 Purple Heart Medal as a result of being wounded while engaged in
34 contact with an enemy force, recognized as a singularly meritorious
35 act of essential service; and
36 **WHEREAS**, The contributions and sacrifices of Purple Heart Medal
37 recipients from New Jersey have been vital in maintaining the
38 freedoms and way of life enjoyed by the State’s citizens; and
39 **WHEREAS**, The people of New Jersey have great respect, admiration,
40 and the utmost gratitude for all of the service members who have
41 selflessly served our nation and the State of New Jersey; and
42 **WHEREAS**, In recognition of the bravery and sacrifice of Purple Heart
43 Medal recipients, it is altogether fitting and proper to declare New
44 Jersey a “Purple Heart State”; now, therefore,
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46 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*
47 *State of New Jersey:*

1 1. New Jersey is declared a “Purple Heart State” to honor Purple
2 Heart Medal recipients from the State.

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4 2. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.

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7 STATEMENT
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9 This resolution declares New Jersey a “Purple Heart State.”

10 New Jersey veterans and active duty military members have
11 fought selflessly to preserve our nation’s freedom, with many being
12 wounded or killed while in the line of duty. The Purple Heart Medal
13 is awarded in the name of the President to veterans and active duty
14 military members who have been wounded or killed while serving
15 in our nation’s Armed Forces. The recipients of the Purple Heart
16 Medal deserve recognition and honor for the bravery that recipients
17 have shown while serving our nation.

18 Three states, including West Virginia, Virginia, and Washington,
19 are declared “Purple Heart States.” Parts of 45 states are part of the
20 “Purple Heart Trail,” a symbolic and honorary system of roads,
21 highways, bridges and other monuments that give tribute to the
22 veterans and active duty military members who have been awarded
23 the Purple Heart Medal. New Jersey has multiple counties, cities,
24 and locations that are part of the “Purple Heart Trail.” The “Purple
25 Heart Trail” was established at the 1992 Military Order of the
26 Purple Heart convention, which was held in Cherry Hill, New
27 Jersey.

28 Declaring New Jersey a “Purple Heart State” honors the
29 contributions and sacrifices of the New Jersey service members
30 who have received the Purple Heart Medal. Purple Heart Medal
31 recipients from the State have been vital in maintaining the
32 freedoms and way of life enjoyed by the State’s citizens.

33 The people of New Jersey have great respect, admiration, and the
34 utmost gratitude for all of the service members who have selflessly
35 served our country and the State. Therefore, it is altogether fitting
36 and proper to declare New Jersey a “Purple Heart State.”