

IN THE SENATE

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 146

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND DESIGNATING THE STATE OF IDAHO AS A
3 PURPLE HEART STATE AND PROVIDING THAT AUGUST 7 IS PURPLE HEART DAY IN
4 IDAHO.

5 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

6 WHEREAS, 1,026 of Idaho veterans were killed in combat during major wars
7 from WWI to the present, and approximately 2,683 were wounded during those
8 wars, making over 3,709 Idahoans eligible for the Purple Heart award; and

9 WHEREAS, fourteen states across the United States have honored their
10 combat wounded and killed military veterans by proclaiming their states to
11 be Purple Heart states; and

12 WHEREAS, the cities of Boise, Pocatello, Nampa and Fruitland--all
13 served by I-84, named by the Idaho Legislature as the Vietnam Veterans Memo-
14 rial Highway--were designated as Purple Heart cities in 2015; and

15 WHEREAS, the mission of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, char-
16 tered by an act of Congress, is to foster an environment of goodwill among
17 combat wounded veterans and their families, to promote patriotism, to sup-
18 port legislative initiatives and, most importantly, to ensure that we never
19 forget the sacrifices of veterans killed in action and wounded in combat; and

20 WHEREAS, the State of Idaho honors the service and sacrifices of our na-
21 tion's men and women in uniform wounded or killed by the enemy while serving
22 to protect the freedom enjoyed by all Americans.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Ses-
24 sion of the Sixty-third Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Repre-
25 sentatives concurring therein, that we designate the State of Idaho as a Pur-
26 ple Heart state and permanently set the date of August 7th as Purple Heart Day
27 for the State of Idaho.