

IN THE SENATE

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 133

BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR MILITARY AND
VETERAN CAREGIVERS, AND PROCLAIMING MAY AS HIDDEN HEROES MONTH IN
IDAHO.

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

WHEREAS, the series of wars in which our nation has been engaged since
World War II has resulted in 5.5 million military and veteran caregivers, who
are parents, spouses, siblings, and friends, caring for the wounded, ill, or
injured American heroes who have served our nation; and

WHEREAS, the daily tasks of these military and veteran caregivers can
include bathing, feeding, and dressing wounded warriors, caring for their
grievous injuries, administering medications, providing emotional support,
providing full medical support, caring for the family and the home, and work-
ing outside the home to earn essential income; and

WHEREAS, the nation provides multifaceted support to our wounded, ill,
and injured veterans and service members through public, private, and phil-
anthropic resources; and

WHEREAS, most military and veteran caregivers consider the challenging
work they do as simply carrying out their civic and patriotic duties, without
realizing that they are, in fact, caregivers, and do not identify themselves
as such; and

WHEREAS, according to research conducted by the Elizabeth Dole Founda-
tion, an alarming number of military and veteran caregivers are suffering
numerous debilitating mental, physical, and emotional effects as a result of
their caregiving duties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Ses-
sion of the Sixty-fifth Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Rep-
resentatives concurring therein, that we support the residents of Idaho who
are serving in vital military and veteran caregiving roles, encourage all
who care for and support veterans and service members to also extend support
to their caregivers, and proclaim the month of May 2020, and each month of
May thereafter, as Hidden Heroes Month in conjunction with Military Appreci-
ation Month.