

**SENATE CONCURRENT
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DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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2 Heart recipients of the Town of Paoli.

3 *Whereas, On August 7, 1782, General George Washington*
4 *established the Badge of Military Merit for noncommissioned*
5 *officers and privates in the Continental Army who exhibited not*
6 *only instances of unusual gallantry in battle, but also*
7 *extraordinary fidelity and essential service in any way;*

8 *Whereas, The Badge of Merit was awarded to three*
9 *sergeants during and shortly following the Revolutionary War*
10 *before falling into disuse until World War I;*

11 *Whereas, In October of 1927, Army Chief of Staff General*
12 *Charles Pelot Summerall directed a draft bill be sent to*
13 *Congress to revive the Badge of Military Merit, which was later*
14 *tabled until January 7, 1931, when General Douglas*
15 *MacArthur and the Washington Commission of Fine Arts began*
16 *redesigning and renaming the Badge;*

17 *Whereas, On February 22, 1932, the 200th Anniversary of*
18 *George Washington's birth, President Herbert Hoover officially*
19 *revived the award, renamed the Purple Heart, to be awarded*
20 *for meritorious or valorous service in the United States Army;*

21 *Whereas, The Purple Heart allowed additional*
22 *authorizations to servicemembers who received wounds that*
23 *need treatment by a medical officer and received either in*
24 *action with an enemy of the United States or as a result of an*
25 *act of such enemy that may be construed as resulting from a*



1 *singularly meritorious act of essential service;*

2 *Whereas, Prior to the United States' entry into World War*
 3 *II, nearly 78,000 Purple Hearts were retroactively issued to*
 4 *Army personnel who had been wounded as far back as the Civil*
 5 *War or had performed meritorious service during World War*
 6 *I;*

7 *Whereas, In 1942, the War Department amended the*
 8 *citation for the Purple Heart, removing the meritorious service*
 9 *element, allowing servicemembers killed in action to receive the*
 10 *award, and authorizing the Navy Department to award the*
 11 *Purple Heart to any Navy, Marine, or Coast Guard personnel*
 12 *who were wounded or killed in action beginning on December*
 13 *7, 1941;*

14 *Whereas, To date, it is estimated that more than 1.9 million*
 15 *servicemembers have been awarded the Purple Heart, with*
 16 *over 1 million of the recipients being awarded during World*
 17 *War II; and*

18 *Whereas, In recognition of the selfless service and sacrifice*
 19 *of servicemembers who have received a Purple Heart, on April*
 20 *19, 2022, the Town of Paoli, Indiana, became the first town in*
 21 *the State of Indiana to designate Purple Heart recipients and*
 22 *their families "Purple Star Families" and proclaim the town a*
 23 *"Purple Star Family Town": Therefore,*

24 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly*
 25 *of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives*
 26 *concurring:*

27 SECTION 1. The Indiana General Assembly honors the
 28 Purple Heart recipients of the Town of Paoli in furtherance of
 29 liberty and freedom and thanks their family members for their
 30 support and dedication.

31 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed
 32 to transmit copies of this Resolution to the Town Council of the
 33 Town of Paoli.

