

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 8

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A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THE MILITARY SERVICE OF MONTANANS IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES AND THEIR FAMILIES.

WHEREAS, every American, by virtue of wearing the noble title of citizen, has great personal freedom and the right to pursue of life, liberty, and happiness; and

WHEREAS, the history of our young country demonstrates countless examples of bravery and personal sacrifice to preserve the collective freedoms and liberties of our citizenry; and

WHEREAS, our citizens have been called upon numerous times to defend our nation and the world against those who wish ill upon the United States and other nations of the world; and

WHEREAS, many Montanans have dedicated their lives in the defense of our nation to standing up against those forces; and

WHEREAS, Montanans have always answered the call to defend our nation, including in World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Persian Gulf War, the Iraq War, and in military operations in Afghanistan and all over the world whenever their service has been needed; and

WHEREAS, in these wars and conflicts, many Montanans have received the Purple Heart for having been wounded in combat and been the recipients of other medals for bravery and meritorious service; and

WHEREAS, November 11, 2018, commemorated the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I; and

WHEREAS, the year 2019 commemorates the 75th anniversary of D-Day, the Liberation of Paris, and the Battle of the Bulge; and

WHEREAS, Montanans will continue to serve and lead in the global war on terror and wherever needed to defend our freedoms; and

WHEREAS, Montanans serving in every branch of the armed forces, both on active duty and in the National Guard and Reserves, have been deployed to defend American freedom at great personal sacrifice to themselves and their families; and

WHEREAS, many Montanans have made the ultimate sacrifice in serving our country and defending our freedoms; and



1 WHEREAS, we as Montanans will continue to support these heroes as they return home to face the
2 challenge of rejoining their families, friends, and communities; and

3 WHEREAS, we will also continue to honor and support their families who have sacrificed so much to
4 support our country.

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6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
7 STATE OF MONTANA:

8 That the Montana Legislature recognize and honor the dedication, professionalism, and bravery of all
9 Montanans who have served and will serve in the armed forces of the United States in past wars, in the global
10 war on terror, and whenever and wherever needed.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we also remember, recognize, and honor the sacrifices of the family
12 members of those serving.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State send copies of this resolution to the Montana
14 Congressional Delegation, the respective Secretaries of the United States Army, Navy, and Air Force, the
15 Commandant of the United States Marine Corps, the Commandant of the United States Coast Guard, and the
16 Adjutant General of the Montana National Guard and include with the copies a request that the respective
17 Secretaries and Commandants and the Adjutant General use every means available to provide a copy of this
18 resolution to each member of the United States Armed Forces who hails from Montana.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the purpose and intent of this resolution is to convey to Montana
20 service personnel that the heartfelt thanks of all Montanans are extended to them, that we are proud of them, that
21 they are in our prayers, and that we send them best wishes for a safe return.

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