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## 2019 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 99

February 14, 2020 - Introduced by Senators FITZGERALD and ROTH, cosponsored by Representatives SKOWRONSKI and KURTZ. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1     **Relating to:** recognizing, honoring, and commemorating the 100th anniversary of  
2           Disabled American Veterans for its century of providing service to veterans and  
3           its continuing efforts.

4           Whereas, the state of Wisconsin is the home to 363,898 veterans, as well as their  
5           families and survivors; and

6           Whereas, Disabled American Veterans (DAV) was founded on September 25,  
7           1920, and chartered by Congress on June 17, 1932, in recognition of the  
8           organization's role as the official voice of the nation's wartime disabled veterans; and

9           Whereas, in 2020, the DAV celebrates 100 years of serving veterans of the  
10          Armed Forces, their families, their survivors, and their communities; and

11          Whereas, DAV is the largest wartime veterans service organization in the  
12          United States made up exclusively of men and women disabled in our nation's  
13          defense with approximately 1,000,000 military service-disabled veterans in its  
14          membership, including nearly 15,000 members in the state of Wisconsin; and

1           Whereas, DAV's National Headquarters is located in Cold Spring, Kentucky,  
2           and its National Service and Legislation Headquarters is located in Washington,  
3           D.C., as well as having 55 Departments and over 1,300 Chapters located throughout  
4           the country, including one Department and 43 Chapters in the state of Wisconsin;  
5           and

6           Whereas, since its founding, DAV has served American veterans wounded,  
7           injured, or made ill due to military service by advocating for the establishment of the  
8           Department of Veterans Affairs (VA); and by fighting in the halls of Congress and  
9           state capitols throughout the nation, including the capitol in the state of Wisconsin,  
10          for benefits and services for disabled veterans; and

11          Whereas, in 1920, DAV began representing the interests of veterans, and  
12          subsequently developed a professional National Service Officer corps which has  
13          made DAV the nation's preeminent provider of claims assistance to America's injured  
14          and ill veterans, their families, and their survivors; and

15          Whereas, DAV cosponsors the National Disabled Veterans Winter Sports  
16          Clinic; has organized a nationwide transportation network, including one in the  
17          state of Wisconsin, which provides free transportation to VA medical facilities for  
18          injured and ill veterans; has an active Charitable Trust, whose President resides in  
19          the state of Wisconsin, which funds the needs of local providers assisting at-risk local  
20          veterans; has an active volunteer corps offering thousands of hours of voluntary  
21          service to our veterans and their communities, including in the state of Wisconsin,  
22          where 78,692 volunteer hours were generated in 2019; and has the Jesse Brown  
23          scholarship program which annually offers \$75,000 in scholarships to young  
24          Americans; and

