

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, May 12, 2010

**House Concurrent
Resolution No. 1068**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1068 - By: FAUGHT of the House.

A Concurrent Resolution proclaiming August 7, 2010, Oklahoma Purple Heart Day.

1 WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration in the world in
2 present use; and

3 WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is awarded in the name of the President of the United
4 States to a member of the Armed Forces who is wounded in a conflict with an enemy
5 force or is wounded while held by an enemy force as a prisoner of war, and is awarded
6 posthumously to the next of kin of a member of the Armed Forces who is killed in a
7 conflict with an enemy force or who dies of wounds received in a conflict with an enemy
8 force; and

9 WHEREAS, the Purple Heart was established on August 7, 1782, during the
10 Revolutionary War, when General George Washington issued an order establishing the
11 Honorary Badge of Distinction, otherwise known as the Badge of Military Merit; and

1 WHEREAS, the award of the Purple Heart ceased with the end of the Revolutionary
2 War, but was revived in 1932, the 200th anniversary of the birth of George Washington,
3 out of respect for his memory and military achievements; and

4 WHEREAS, the sacrifice of Oklahoma citizens who have earned the Purple Heart
5 with their blood and their lives should be honored; and

6 WHEREAS, observing National Purple Heart Recognition Day is a fitting tribute to
7 George Washington and to the more than 1,535,000 recipients of the Purple Heart,
8 approximately 550,000 of whom are still living.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
10 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA
11 LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

12 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature proclaims Saturday, August 7, 2010, as Oklahoma
13 Purple Heart Day.
14 DIRECT TO CALENDAR.