

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                               STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                               1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019)

4   ENGROSSED SENATE  
5   BILL NO. 232

                              By: Simpson, Rosino, Stanley  
                                      and Dugger of the Senate

6   and

7   Hardin (Tommy), McDugle and  
8   **West (Josh)** of the House

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10           An Act relating to definitions and general  
11           provisions; amending 25 O.S. 2011, Section 90.7, as  
12           amended by Section 1, Chapter 111, O.S.L. 2015 (25  
13           O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 90.7), which relates to  
14           Purple Heart Day; designating Oklahoma as a Purple  
15           Heart State; and providing an effective date.

16   BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

17           SECTION 1.        AMENDATORY        25 O.S. 2011, Section 90.7, as  
18           amended by Section 1, Chapter 111, O.S.L. 2015 (25 O.S. Supp. 2018,  
19           Section 90.7), is amended to read as follows:

20           Section 90.7.   Purple Heart Day.   The seventh day of August of  
21           each year is hereby established as "Purple Heart Day" in Oklahoma.  
22           The Purple Heart, as established by George Washington in 1782 and  
23           revived in 1932, is a decoration of honor awarded to members of the  
24           Armed Forces and to United States citizens honorably wounded in  
          action.

1 All residents of this state are requested to devote some portion  
2 of Purple Heart Day to recognizing and commemorating the recipients  
3 of the Purple Heart who have demonstrated a commitment to fighting  
4 for the ideals which have made this nation great, have served this  
5 nation so valiantly, and are role models for all to emulate.

6 It is the intent of the Oklahoma Legislature that:

7 1. The Governor execute a proclamation each year in recognition  
8 of Purple Heart Day;

9 2. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs encourage the observance  
10 of Purple Heart Day with appropriate activities; ~~and~~

11 3. Each local chapter of all veterans' organizations plan  
12 special activities and events to honor the Purple Heart recipients  
13 in that chapter; and

14 4. That the State of Oklahoma be designated as a Purple Heart  
15 State in recognition of the many citizens of the state who have  
16 earned the Purple Heart Medal as a result of being wounded while  
17 engaged in combat with an enemy force.

18 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.  
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20 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,  
21 dated 03/25/2019 - DO PASS, As Coauthored.  
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