

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019)

SENATE BILL 232

By: Simpson

AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

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

All residents of this state are requested to devote some portion of Purple Heart Day to recognizing and commemorating the recipients of the Purple Heart who have demonstrated a commitment to fighting

1 for the ideals which have made this nation great, have served this  
2 nation so valiantly, and are role models for all to emulate.

3 It is the intent of the Oklahoma Legislature that:

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

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

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

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

15 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

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