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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing the anniversaries of the Purple Heart and the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart, established by General George Washington 225 years ago on August 7, 1782, and originally known as the Military Badge of Merit, is the oldest military decoration in the world in present use, and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart was adopted February 22, 1932, on the 200th anniversary of General George Washington's birth as a combat decoration awarded exclusively to members of the Armed Forces wounded by an instrument of war in the hands of the enemy and awarded posthumously to the next of kin in the names of members who were killed in action or those who died of wounds received in action, and

WHEREAS, more than 1.5 million members of the Armed Forces have been awarded the Purple Heart for their gallant defense of our valued freedoms against the enemies of our cherished Republic, and

WHEREAS, the organization known as the Military Order of the Purple Heart was formed on October 19, 1932, for the protection and mutual interest of members of the Armed Forces who have received the Purple Heart, and

WHEREAS, the Military Order of the Purple Heart is the only veterans organization comprised solely of combat veterans and is the only veterans organization exclusively chartered by Congress for combat-wounded veterans, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

1 That the Florida Senate recognizes 2007 as the 225th
2 anniversary of the Purple Heart and the 75th anniversary of
3 the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Florida Senate pays
5 tribute to all recipients of the Purple Heart for their
6 courageous sacrifices on the fields of battle and commends the
7 Military Order of the Purple Heart as a national organization
8 dedicated to preserving the proud legacy of the Purple Heart
9 and to assisting America's veterans through its participation
10 in the Department of Veterans Affairs National Service Officer
11 Program.

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