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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 47—Relative to National Military Appreciation Month.

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SCR 47, as introduced, Fuller. National Military Appreciation Month. This measure would recognize the month of May 2015 as National Military Appreciation Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, On December 7, 1941, just before 8 a.m. on a
2 Sunday morning, the first wave of bombers began the attack on
3 Pearl Harbor that led the United States into World War II. It was
4 an unforgettable day for those who lived through it, one which
5 called America forth to defend itself, and in so doing, inspired a
6 generation of Americans to rise and lead the defense of freedom
7 around the world; and
8 WHEREAS, On September 11, 2001, America was attacked
9 again, and again American blood was shed on American soil by a
10 foreign foe. Most of the casualties of this most recent attack were
11 civilians, a reflection of the many ways in which the world has
12 changed since 1941. Once again, a generation of Americans have
13 been called to rise to the defense of our way of life—this time not
14 against an aggressor nation but against the global terrorist networks
15 that have targeted us; and

1 WHEREAS, The vigilance of the members of the Armed Forces
2 has been instrumental to the preservation of the freedom, security,
3 and prosperity enjoyed by the people of the United States; and

4 WHEREAS, The success of the Armed Forces depends on the
5 dedicated service of its members, their families, and the civilian
6 employees of the federal Department of Defense and the Coast
7 Guard; and

8 WHEREAS, The role of the United States as a world leader
9 requires a military force that is well trained, well equipped, and
10 appropriately sized; and

11 WHEREAS, To maintain such a force, the youth of the United
12 States must possess a commitment to military service sufficient
13 to achieve the levels of recruitment and retention necessary to
14 sustain the strength, vitality, and character of the Armed Forces;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, To foster and sustain such a commitment it is vital
17 for the youth of the United States to understand that the service
18 provided by members of the Armed Forces is an honorable legacy
19 that protects the freedoms enjoyed by citizens of the United States
20 as well as citizens of many other nations; and

21 WHEREAS, Service in the Armed Forces entails special hazards
22 and demands extraordinary sacrifices from service members and
23 their families; and

24 WHEREAS, The support of the families of service members
25 enhances the effectiveness and capabilities of the Armed Forces;
26 and

27 WHEREAS, The observance of events recognizing the
28 contributions of the Armed Forces is a tangible and highly effective
29 way of sustaining morale and improving the quality of life for
30 service members and their families; and

31 WHEREAS, On April 30, 1999, the Senate passed Senate
32 Resolution 33 (106th Congress), entitled “Designating May 1999
33 as National Military Appreciation Month,” calling on the people
34 of the United States, in a symbolic act of unity, to observe a
35 National Military Appreciation Month in May 1999, to honor the
36 current and former members of the Armed Forces, including those
37 who have died in the pursuit of freedom and peace; and

38 WHEREAS, It is important to emphasize to the people of
39 California the relevance of the history and activities of the Armed
40 Forces through National Military Appreciation Month, which

1 includes associated local and national observances and activities;
2 now, therefore, be it
3 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
4 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature honors those men and
5 women who have served and are serving in our nation's military,
6 and recognizes the month of May 2015 as National Military
7 Appreciation Month; and be it further
8 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
9 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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