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DELAWARE STATE SENATE
152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 74

PROCLAIMING MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2023, AS "WOMEN VETERANS DAY" IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

1 WHEREAS, Women Veterans Day is acknowledged as an effort to honor the work of women in the United States
2 Armed Forces and recognizes the unique challenges women have faced; and

3 WHEREAS, women have formally been a part of the United States Armed Forces since the inception of the Army
4 Nurse Corps in 1901, but have informally served since the inception of our nation's military; and

5 WHEREAS, women have proudly served their country throughout all periods of the history of the United States:
6 disguising themselves as male soldiers during the American Revolutionary War and Civil War, serving as nurses in both
7 World Wars, flying combat helicopters in Afghanistan, and serving in countless other ways; and

8 WHEREAS, it was not until well after World War II that women who served in the military began to be officially
9 recognized as Veterans; and

10 WHEREAS, it was on June 12, 1948, when President Harry S. Truman signed into law the Women's Armed
11 Services Integration Act of 1948, which allowed women the right to serve as permanent, regular members of the United
12 States Army, United States Navy, United States Marine Corps, and United States Air Force. Previously, only women nurses
13 could serve in the regular and reserve forces during peacetime; and

14 WHEREAS, today, there are almost two million women Veterans in the United States and of those, over 7,000
15 reside in Delaware; and

16 WHEREAS, though not officially recognized for many years, women have served in America's wars throughout
17 our history, demonstrating their unwavering commitment, resilience, and courage in defending our nation; and

18 WHEREAS, Delaware honors the tremendous sacrifices our women in uniform have made in order to defend our
19 country; and

20 WHEREAS, it is Delaware's duty to honor the memory of our dedicated servicewomen who never returned home,
21 having made the ultimate sacrifice to preserve our nation and its way of life; and

22 WHEREAS, the valor and devotion to duty demonstrated by current and past servicewomen have paved the way
23 for future generations.

24 NOW, THEREFORE:

25 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the 152nd General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the House of
26 Representatives concurring therein, that Monday, June 12, 2023, is recognized as “Women Veterans Day” in the State of
27 Delaware.

SYNOPSIS

This Senate Concurrent Resolution proclaims Monday, June 12, 2023, as “Women Veterans Day” in the State of Delaware.

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