

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 230

BY REPRESENTATIVES MINCEY AND KNOX

A RESOLUTION

To commend the city of Denham Springs for its proclamation to establish a Purple Heart Trail.

WHEREAS, American military veterans have made significant contributions and sacrifices to help maintain the freedoms and lifestyles enjoyed by American citizens and in order to protect our country; and

WHEREAS, many men and women in uniform have been wounded or lost their lives while serving in the military; and

WHEREAS, some men and women who are wounded or killed during combat with an enemy force while performing singularly meritorious acts of service may receive the Purple Heart medal; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart medal was established by General George Washington on August 7, 1782, to honor military personnel wounded in combat and is the oldest American military decoration in use today; and

WHEREAS, our state and nation owe a deep debt of gratitude to those members of our armed forces who have been wounded in combat and honored with the Purple Heart medal; and

WHEREAS, in 1992, the Military Order of the Purple Heart began coordinating a national effort to establish the Purple Heart Trail consisting of major interstate highways and roadways leading to patriotic sites; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Purple Heart Trail is to create a visual reminder to those who use the road system that others have paid a high price for their freedom to travel and live in a free society; and

WHEREAS, the residents of the city of Denham Springs, Louisiana, appreciate the sacrifices that our Purple Heart recipients have made in defending our freedom, and it is only

fitting to acknowledge them for their courage and show them the honor and respect that they have earned.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the city of Denham Springs upon its proclamation to designate a roadway as part of the national Purple Heart Trail which shall include the Denham Springs Antique District.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES