

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 533

By Massey

A RESOLUTION to commemorate Women Veterans Appreciation Day, June 12, 2023.

WHEREAS, throughout all periods of history for both the State of Tennessee and the United States, women have served proudly as citizens and as public servants, unofficially and formally, in their efforts to secure and preserve the freedom of all; and

WHEREAS, women have proudly served informally since the inception of the United States military and most honorably for the State of Tennessee, with notable dates being the Army Nurses Corps, 1901; Women Armed Services Integration Act, June 12, 1948; and combat jobs opened to women, December 3, 2015; and

WHEREAS, women have also served honorably and with valor, from the times of the American Revolution, the Civil War, both World Wars, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War and in more recent times of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom and subsequently throughout this year, as the United States still participates in current worldwide conflicts; and

WHEREAS, a significant number of women have served this country, rising to more than 350,000 women during World War II, where they served in all functional areas of war, as some female troops were captured and held as Prisoners of War, while others made the ultimate sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, women continued through the mid-1990s to fight for the right to serve their country, and the State of Tennessee recognizes and respects the contributions that they have made through centuries of faithful service; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee has over 40,000 women veterans who have served this country and State with courageous, honorable military service and continue to serve their communities, schools, businesses, and religious institutions; and

WHEREAS, the Veterans Heritage Site Foundation is hosting a Women Veterans Appreciation Day program on June 12, 2023, and has also established a Women Veterans Appreciation Week, June 10-17, 2023, in tribute to our gallant women veterans; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we are proud to join with the Veterans Heritage Site Foundation in the commendation of June 12, 2023, as "Women Veterans Appreciation Day" in Tennessee to honor the growing presence of women in all branches of United States Armed Forces and their valiant service and sacrifices on behalf of the State of Tennessee and the United States of America.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.