

## **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

Whereas the Order of the Purple Heart for Military Merit, commonly known as the Purple Heart, is the oldest military decoration in the world in present use;

Whereas the Purple Heart is awarded in the name of the President of the United States to members of the Armed Forces who are wounded in conflict with an enemy force or while held by an enemy force as a prisoner of war, and posthumously to the next of kin of members of the Armed Forces who are killed in conflict with an enemy force or who die of a wound received in conflict with an enemy force;

Whereas the Purple Heart was established on August 7, 1782, during the Revolutionary War, when General George Washington issued an order establishing the Honorary Badge of Distinction, otherwise known as the Badge of Military Merit or the Decoration of the Purple Heart;

Whereas the award of the Purple Heart ceased with the end of the War of the Revolution, but was revived out of respect for the memory and military achievements of George Washington in 1932, the year marking the 200th anniversary of his birth; and

Whereas 1999 is the year marking the 200th anniversary of the death of George Washington: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*  
2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of the Congress that—

3           (1) a commemorative postage stamp should be  
4 issued by the United States Postal Service honoring  
5 the members of the Armed Forces who have been  
6 awarded the Purple Heart; and

7           (2) the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee  
8 should recommend to the Postmaster General that  
9 such a stamp be issued in 1999, the year marking  
10 the 200th anniversary of the death of George Wash-  
11 ington.

Passed the Senate November 19, 1999.

Attest:

*Secretary.*

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1ST SESSION

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