
THIRD READING

Bill No: SCR 154
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Vote: 21

SUBJECT: Green Star Veterans and Families Day

SOURCE: Author

DIGEST: This resolution designates May 4, 2026, as Green Star Veterans and Families Day.

ANALYSIS: This resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Many veterans who have bravely served continue to face significant mental health challenges upon returning home, including invisible wounds that can profoundly impact their daily lives.
- 2) Mental health conditions, including post-traumatic stress disorder, depression, and traumatic brain injury, often intensify over time and, without adequate support, can increase the risk of suicide.
- 3) An estimated 22 veterans are tragically lost to suicide every day, 6,407 veterans took their lives in 2022, and over 140,000 veterans have died by suicide since September 11, 2001. Despite these alarming numbers, Green Star Veterans, veterans who have lost their lives to suicide in connection with their military service, are not formally recognized in our state.
- 4) Green Star Families serve an essential role in sharing their loved ones' stories, spreading public awareness of the toll service-related mental health challenges have on a veteran, and advocating for stronger prevention and support initiatives to protect future veterans and their families.
- 5) The Green Star Service Banner serves as a symbol to honor our veterans who have lost their lives to suicide in connection with their military service and should be recognized in our state.

This resolution honors veterans whose lives were lost to suicide to recognize the resilience and dedication of the families they leave behind and to raise awareness of the ongoing mental health and suicide crisis affecting those who have served.

FISCAL EFFECT: Appropriation: No Fiscal Com.: No Local: No

SUPPORT: (Verified 4/13/26)

None received

OPPOSITION: (Verified 4/13/26)

None received

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