

Date of Hearing: May 18, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
SCR 154 (Umberg) – As Introduced April 8, 2026

**SENATE VOTE:** 40-0

**SUBJECT:** Green Star Veterans and Families Day.

**SUMMARY:** Designates May 4, 2026, as “Green Star Veterans and Families Day” in California; and, officially recognizes the Green Star Service Banner. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Veterans of the United States Armed Forces served our country with honor, courage, and unwavering commitment to protecting our freedoms and securing our national defense.
- 2) 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.
- 3) 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.
- 4) 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.
- 5) Every veteran whose life ends as a result of their service deserves to be honored with the same dignity.
- 6) The families of veterans lost to suicide deserve the assurance that their loved ones’ service, sacrifice, and memory will be respectfully preserved and recognized.
- 7) 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.
- 8) 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.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

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