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H. RES. 1204

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that as the United States marks 250 years of independence, establishing a “Veterans Appreciation Month” offers a simple but powerful way for the Nation to recognize the men and women whose service has protected American freedom for generations.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 21, 2026

Mr. COLLINS (for himself, Mr. BABIN, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. BISHOP, Mr. ELLZEY, Mr. HUNT, Mr. LUTTRELL, Mr. MAST, Mr. MCGUIRE, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. VAN ORDEN, and Mr. FULLER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that as the United States marks 250 years of independence, establishing a “Veterans Appreciation Month” offers a simple but powerful way for the Nation to recognize the men and women whose service has protected American freedom for generations.

Whereas, for 250 years, American servicemembers have defended the freedoms established in 1776;

Whereas, as the Nation celebrates the 250th anniversary of the United States in 2026, Congress has an opportunity

to focus national attention on the millions of veterans who have served and sacrificed in defense of the country;

Whereas a “Veterans Appreciation Month” would create a national moment of recognition during America’s 250th anniversary;

Whereas a Veterans Appreciation Month would encourage businesses, schools, and civic organizations to honor veterans;

Whereas a Veterans Appreciation Month would expand awareness and appreciation of the sacrifices made by military families;

Whereas a Veterans Appreciation Month would reinforce the connection between American freedom and those who defend it;

Whereas many American businesses already provide voluntary military discounts;

Whereas a Veterans Appreciation Month would encourage broader participation and create a visible, nationwide expression of gratitude from the private sector;

Whereas businesses that participate could identify themselves as America 250 Military Appreciation Businesses, demonstrating their support for veterans during this historic national milestone;

Whereas supporting veterans is one of the most bipartisan priorities of Congress;

Whereas military families are deeply woven into the economic and civic life of communities across the United States; and

Whereas the United States Armed Forces is the greatest military in the world: Now, therefore, be it

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