



American Legion Day

Legion Day Cosponsors Needed

Tell your Representative to Support H. Res. 679

On July 24, a resolution was introduced in the House of Representatives that honors The American Legion's 90 years of service to America by recognizing September 16 as American Legion Day, a national day of observance of The American Legion's goals and ideals in which the country may celebrate, with appropriate programs and activities, the long history of The American Legion and its steadfast and patriotic service to the community, state and nation.

House Resolution (H. Res.) 679 was introduced by Congresswoman Debbie Halvorson and is currently cosponsored by 20 Members of Congress.

In a letter to her colleagues requesting cosponsorship, Rep. Halvorson writes:

Since their Congressional charter on September 16, 1919, The

American Legion has worked tirelessly to serve American veterans and communities across the nation. I ask you to honor The American Legion's legacy by becoming an original cosponsor of a resolution to designate September 16th as "American Legion Day."

Every year members of The American Legion donate thousands of hours of community service in veterans' medical facilities and homes to care for our nation's heroes. They support active service members' families, support struggling service families financially, and try to improve the overall quality of life to our nation's service men and women. Additionally, they sponsor many youth organizations, donate millions of dollars in college scholarships, and provide a high level of service to our nation's youth.

"American Legion Day" would help to recognize this extraordinary organization, whose members not only fought to protect our country, but continue to serve it long after their military service has ended.

All members of The American Legion family are asked to contact their representative and ask them to become cosponsors of H. Res. 679; if they are already cosponsors, thank them for their support. With Congress out of Washington and in their congressional districts for the full month of August, it is a prime opportunity for you to make contact with your Member of Congress and urge passage of this resolution upon their return to Washington and before September 16.

We thank the current sponsor and cosponsors as of 7/28/09:

H. RES. 679 - introduced by Rep. Debbie Halvorson (IL)

Alexander, Rodney [LA-5]
Bishop, Timothy H. [NY-1]
Burgess, Michael C. [TX-26]
Cao, Anh "Joseph" [LA-2]

Altmire, Jason [PA-4]
Bordallo, Madeleine Z. [GU]
Burton, Dan [IN-5]
Courtney, Joe [CT-2]

Emerson, Jo Ann [MO-8]
Lamborn, Doug [CO-5]
LaTourette, Steven C. [OH-14]
Murphy, Tim [PA-18]
Reichert, David G. [WA-8]
Teague, Harry [NM-2]

Grayson, Alan [FL-8]
Lance, Leonard [NJ-7]
McMorris Rodgers, Cathy [WA-5]
Perlmutter, Ed [CO-7]
Rodriguez, Ciro D. [TX-23]
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