

Honoring the 100th Anniversary of DAV (Disabled American Veterans)

In the House/Senate in _____

_____, 2020

_____ submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on the Judiciary

Resolution

Honoring the 100th anniversary of DAV.

Whereas the state of _____ is the home to _____ veterans, as well as their families and survivors;

Whereas the DAV was founded on September 25, 1920 and chartered by Congress on June 17, 1932 in recognition of the organization's role as the official voice of the nation's wartime disabled veterans;

Whereas, in 2020, the DAV celebrates 100 years of serving veterans of the Armed Forces, their families, survivors and communities;

Whereas the DAV is the largest wartime veterans service organization in the United States made up exclusively of men and women disabled in our nation's defense with approximately 1,000,000 military service-disabled veterans in its membership;

Whereas the DAV's National headquarters is located in Cold Spring, Kentucky, and its National service and legislation headquarters is located in Washington, D.C., as well as 55 Departments and over 1,300 Chapters located throughout the country;

Whereas since its founding, DAV has served American veterans wounded, injured or made ill due to military service by advocating for the establishment of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and by fighting in the halls of Congress for benefits and services for service-disabled veterans;

Whereas in 1920, the DAV began representing the interests of veterans, and subsequently developed a professional National Service Office corps which has made DAV the nation's preeminent provider of claims assistance to America's injured and ill veterans, their families and survivors;

Whereas DAV cosponsors the National Disabled Veterans Winter Sports Clinic, has organized a nationwide transportation network providing free transportation to VA medical facilities for injured and ill veterans; has an active Charitable Trust funding the needs of local providers assisting at risk local veterans and an active volunteer corps offering thousands of hours of service to our veterans and communities and the Jesse Brown scholarship program to contribute to the lives of young Americans;

Whereas DAV has championed important programs for improving the lives of all veterans such as the establishment of a cabinet level Department of Veterans Affairs, the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, a modernized appeals process, an advanced appropriation to ensure adequate and timely funding for VA health care, family caregivers' benefits, and established the model for today's Vet Centers;

Whereas DAV continues to advocate and create awareness for many issues affecting our nation's veterans such as equitable benefits and services for women veterans, appropriate resources for mental health and suicide prevention services and benefits for all veterans exposed to toxic substances.

Resolved, That the Senate—

- (1) recognizes that DAV has made significant contributions "fulfilling our promises to the men and women who served"—both with and without disabilities—and in the lives of their communities and continues to do so;*
- (2) honors the vital and ongoing role DAV plays in supporting the needs of veterans and their families in the United States throughout 100 years of service;*
- (3) commemorates the legacy of DAV in service provision and advocacy throughout 100 years of history of the United States.*