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S. RES. 208

Expressing support for the designation of November 12, 2023, as “National Warrior Call Day” and recognizing the importance of connecting warriors in the United States to support structures necessary to transition from the battlefield, especially peer-to-peer connection.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 11, 2023

Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CASEY, Mr. BOOZMAN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. THUNE, Mr. WELCH, Mr. RISCH, Mr. KELLY, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. TESTER, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. SCHMITT, Mr. CRAMER, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. BENNET, Mr. KING, Mr. WARNOCK, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. KAINE, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. WARNER, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. OSSOFF, and Mr. MARKEY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

SEPTEMBER 21, 2023

Committee discharged; considered, amended, and agreed to with an amended preamble

RESOLUTION

Expressing support for the designation of November 12, 2023, as “National Warrior Call Day” and recognizing the importance of connecting warriors in the United States to support structures necessary to transition from the battlefield, especially peer-to-peer connection.

Whereas establishing an annual “National Warrior Call Day” will draw attention to the members of the Armed Forces whose connection to one another is key to the veterans in the United States who may be dangerously disconnected from family, friends, and support systems;

Whereas the number of suicides of members of the Armed Forces serving on active duty was 519 in 2021;

Whereas, in 2020, there were 6,146 veteran suicide deaths, and the unadjusted rate of suicide in 2020 among veterans was 31.7 per 100,000;

Whereas, after adjusting for sex and age, the rate of veteran suicide in 2020 was 57 percent higher than non-veteran adults;

Whereas more veterans have died by suicide in the last 10 years than members of the Armed Forces who died from combat in Vietnam;

Whereas many of the veterans who take their own lives have had no contact with the Department of Veterans Affairs;

Whereas the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID–19) pandemic led, in some cases, to increased isolation and disconnection, further exacerbating mental and physical ailments such as post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury;

Whereas invisible wounds linked to an underlying and undiagnosed traumatic brain injury can mirror many mental health conditions, a problem that can be addressed through appropriate medical treatment;

Whereas additional research is needed to highlight the connection between traumatic brain injury as a root cause of invisible wounds and suicide by members of the Armed Forces and veterans; and

Whereas November 12, 2023, would be an appropriate day to designate as “National Warrior Call Day”: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) supports the designation of November 12,
3 2023, as “National Warrior Call Day”;

4 (2) encourages all individuals in the United
5 States, especially members of the Armed Forces
6 serving on active duty and veterans, to call a war-
7 rior, have an honest conversation, and connect them
8 with support, understanding that making a warrior
9 call could save a life; and

10 (3) implores all individuals in the United States
11 to recommit themselves to engaging with members of
12 the Armed Forces through “National Warrior Call
13 Day” and other constructive efforts that result in
14 solutions and treatment for the invisible scars that
15 can afflict veterans and members of the Armed
16 Forces.

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