

1 **H. B. 4493**

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3 (By Delegates Ashley, Anderson, Iaquina, White,  
4 Azinger, Armstead, Paxton, Boggs and Pasdon)

5 [Introduced February 9, 2012; referred to the  
6 Committee on Veterans' Affairs and Homeland Security.]

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10 A BILL to amend and reenact §2-2-1a of the Code of West Virginia,  
11 1931, as amended, relating to establishing special memorial  
12 days for certain military veterans; declaring March 30 as a  
13 special memorial day to be known as Vietnam Veteran  
14 Recognition Day.

15 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

16 That §2-2-1a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended,  
17 be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

18 **ARTICLE 2. LEGAL HOLIDAYS; SPECIAL MEMORIAL DAYS; CONSTRUCTION OF**  
19 **STATUTES; DEFINITIONS.**

20 **§2-2-1a. Special memorial days.**

21 (a) The Governor shall, by proclamation, declare the week  
22 beginning with the Sunday before Thanksgiving as a special memorial  
23 week to be known as Native American Indian Heritage Week.

24 (b) The first Tuesday after the first Monday of November is

1 designated Susan B. Anthony Day and ~~shall only be~~ is a legal  
2 holiday in all years ending in an even number. The Governor shall  
3 annually issue a proclamation calling on all schools, civic  
4 organizations, government departments and citizens to undertake  
5 activities on the designated day and surrounding days to pay  
6 tribute to the accomplishments of Susan B. Anthony in securing the  
7 civil and political rights of all Americans, including securing  
8 equal voting rights for women.

9 (c) The Governor shall, by proclamation, declare December 7 as  
10 a special memorial day to be known as Pearl Harbor Day honoring all  
11 West Virginians who fought in World War II and shall encourage all  
12 municipalities in the state to do the same.

13 (d) The Governor shall, by proclamation, declare March 30 as  
14 a special memorial day to be known as Vietnam Veteran Recognition  
15 Day honoring all West Virginians who served in the United States  
16 Armed Forces in the Republic of Vietnam during the period beginning  
17 February 28, 1961 and ending May 7, 1975, and shall encourage all  
18 counties and municipalities in the state to do the same.

NOTE: The purpose of the bill is to make March 30 a special  
memorial day to be known as Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from  
the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that would  
be added.