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FOR

H. B. 4493

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(Originating in the House Committee on
Veterans' Affairs and Homeland Security)
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A BILL to amend and reenact §2-2-1a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to establishing special memorial days for certain military veterans; declaring March 30 as a special memorial day to be known as Vietnam Veteran Recognition Day; declaring August 7 as a special memorial day to be known as Purple Heart Recognition Day; and declaring July 27 as a special memorial day to be known as Korean War Veteran Recognition Day.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

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

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

§2-2-1a. Special memorial days.

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

5 (b) The first Tuesday after the first Monday of November
6 is designated Susan B. Anthony Day and shall only be a legal
7 holiday in all years ending in an even number. The Governor
8 shall annually issue a proclamation calling on all schools, civic
9 organizations, government departments and citizens to
10 undertake activities on the designated day and surrounding
11 days to pay tribute to the accomplishments of Susan B.
12 Anthony in securing the civil and political rights of all
13 Americans, including securing equal voting rights for women.

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

19 (d) The Governor shall, by proclamation, declare March
20 30 as a special memorial day to be known as Vietnam
21 Veteran Recognition Day honoring all West Virginians who
22 served in the United States Armed Forces in the Republic of
23 Vietnam during the period beginning February 28, 1961 and
24 ending May 7, 1975, and shall encourage all counties and
25 municipalities in the state to do the same.

26 (e) The Governor shall, by proclamation, declare August
27 7 as a special memorial day, to be known as Purple Heart
28 Recognition Day, honoring all West Virginians who, while
29 servng in the United States Armed Forces, have been
30 wounded or killed in action and shall encourage all
31 municipalities and counties in the state to do the same.

32 (f) The Governor shall, by proclamation, declare July 27
33 as a special memorial day to be known as Korean War
34 Veteran Recognition Day honoring all West Virginians who
35 served in the United States Armed Forces in the Korean War,
36 and shall encourage all counties and municipalities in the
37 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 Veteran Recognition Day; to make August 7 a special memorial day to be known as Purple Heart Recognition Day; and declaring July 27 as a special memorial day to be known as Korean War Veteran Recognition Day.

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