

SENATE MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 98**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: NOVEMBER 7, 2022

The Senate Military and Veterans Affairs Committee reports favorably Senate Joint Resolution Bill No. 98.

This resolution declares New Jersey a “Purple Heart State.”

The Purple Heart Medal is awarded in the name of the President to veterans and active duty military members who have been wounded or killed while serving in our nation’s Armed Forces. The recipients of the Purple Heart Medal deserve recognition and honor for the bravery that recipients have shown while serving our nation.

Three states, including West Virginia, Virginia, and Washington, are declared “Purple Heart States.” Parts of 45 states are part of the “Purple Heart Trail,” a symbolic and honorary system of roads, highways, bridges and other monuments that give tribute to the veterans and active duty military members who have been awarded the Purple Heart Medal. New Jersey has multiple counties, cities, and locations that are part of the “Purple Heart Trail.” The “Purple Heart Trail” was established at the 1992 Military Order of the Purple Heart convention, which was held in Cherry Hill, New Jersey.

Declaring New Jersey a “Purple Heart State” honors the contributions and sacrifices of the New Jersey service members who have received the Purple Heart Medal. Purple Heart Medal recipients from the State have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by the State’s citizens.

The people of New Jersey have great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for all of the service members who have selflessly served our country and the State. Therefore, it is altogether fitting and proper to declare New Jersey a “Purple Heart State.”