

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

No. 138

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

219th LEGISLATURE

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Sponsored by:

Senator LINDA R. GREENSTEIN

District 14 (Mercer and Middlesex)

SYNOPSIS

Designates May 1st of each year as “Silver Star Service Banner Day” in New Jersey.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **A JOINT RESOLUTION** designating May 1st of each year as “Silver
2 Star Service Banner Day” in New Jersey.

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4 **WHEREAS**, Throughout the history of our nation, individuals have
5 dedicated their lives and service to the protection of our values and
6 the nation by engaging in military service; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Service members and veterans deserve recognition for
8 their sacrifices and the services they have provided to all citizens;
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10 **WHEREAS**, The Silver Star Families of America is an organization
11 dedicated to the support of wounded, ill, injured, and dying service
12 members and veterans; and

13 **WHEREAS**, The Silver Star Families of America honor service
14 members and veterans through their advocacy and with the Silver
15 Star Service Banner; and

16 **WHEREAS**, The Silver Star Service Banner recognizes the physical,
17 emotional, and financial costs of the wounds and illnesses sustained
18 during combat or as a result of service by service members and
19 veterans and may be displayed at any time by the service member,
20 veteran or their family as a symbol of their sacrifice; and

21 **WHEREAS**, Formally recognized by the United States Congress in
22 2010, “Silver Star Service Banner Day” has been observed annually
23 on May 1st; and

24 **WHEREAS**, Traditionally, “Silver Star Service Banner Day” has
25 honored service members and veterans who were wounded or who
26 became ill; and

27 **WHEREAS**, New Jersey is grateful for the sacrifices members of the
28 military have made in service to this nation and recognizes the
29 importance of never forgetting their acts of bravery; and

30 **WHEREAS**, The establishment of May 1st of each year as “Silver Star
31 Service Banner Day” will help to honor the sacrifices made by
32 veterans and service members through their military service to this
33 nation; now, therefore,

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35 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*
36 *State of New Jersey:*

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38 1. May 1st of each year is designated as “Silver Star Service
39 Banner Day” in New Jersey to honor and remember the sacrifices
40 service members and veterans have made for this nation.

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42 2. The Governor is respectfully requested to annually issue a
43 proclamation recognizing May 1st as “Silver Star Service Banner
44 Day” in New Jersey and calling upon public officials and citizens of
45 this State to observe “Silver Star Service Banner Day” with
46 appropriate activities and programs.

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48 3. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

This joint resolution designates May 1st of each year as “Silver Star Service Banner Day.” Throughout the history of the United States, individuals have dedicated their lives and service to the protection of our values and nation. Those individuals deserved to be honored and recognized.

The Silver Star Service Banner is a symbol to honor and remember wounded and ill service members and veterans. Formally recognized by the United States Congress in 2010, “Silver Star Service Banner Day” is observed at the national level on May 1st of each year to honor wounded and ill service members and veterans.

It is fitting and proper for this State to honor and remember wounded and ill service members and veterans and the service they provided for our country by designating May 1st of each year as “Silver Star Service Banner Day” in New Jersey.