ENGROSSED SENATE
BILL NO. 232

By: Simpson, Rosino, Stanley
and Dugger of the Senate

and

Hardin (Tommy) and McDugle
of the House

An Act relating to definitions and general
provisions; amending 25 O.S. 2011, Section 90.7, as
amended by Section 1, Chapter 111, O.S.L. 2015 (25
O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 90.7), which relates to
Purple Heart Day; designating Oklahoma as a Purple
Heart State; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 25 O.S. 2011, Section 90.7, as
amended by Section 1, Chapter 111, O.S.L. 2015 (25 O.S. Supp. 2018,
Section 90.7), is amended to read as follows:

Section 90.7. Purple Heart Day. The seventh day of August of
each year is hereby established as "Purple Heart Day" in Oklahoma.
The Purple Heart, as established by George Washington in 1782 and
revived in 1932, is a decoration of honor awarded to members of the
Armed Forces and to United States citizens honorably wounded in
action.

All residents of this state are requested to devote some portion
of Purple Heart Day to recognizing and commemorating the recipients
of the Purple Heart who have demonstrated a commitment to fighting
for the ideals which have made this nation great, have served this
country so valiantly, and are role models for all to emulate.

It is the intent of the Oklahoma Legislature that:

1. The Governor execute a proclamation each year in recognition
   of Purple Heart Day;

2. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs encourage the observance
   of Purple Heart Day with appropriate activities; and

3. Each local chapter of all veterans' organizations plan
   special activities and events to honor the Purple Heart recipients
   in that chapter; and

4. That the State of Oklahoma be designated as a Purple Heart
   State in recognition of the many citizens of the state who have
   earned the Purple Heart Medal as a result of being wounded while
   engaged in combat with an enemy force.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.
Passed the Senate the 18th day of February, 2019.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the ___ day of __________, 2019.

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Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives