

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9

BY REPRESENTATIVE MINCEY

PUBLIC BLDGS/GROUNDS-ST: Requests the Department of Veterans Affairs in conjunction with the office of state buildings to plan and implement a Purple Heart Trail on the grounds surrounding the state capitol

1    A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION  
2 To urge and request the Department of Veterans Affairs, in conjunction with the office of  
3 state buildings and in consultation with the Department of Culture, Recreation and  
4 Tourism's state historic preservation officer, to plan and implement, subject to the  
5 approval of the governor, the president of the Senate, and the speaker of the House  
6 of Representatives, a Purple Heart Trail in the Louisiana Veterans Memorial Park,  
7 located on the grounds surrounding the state capitol.

8                WHEREAS, the valor and sacrifice of soldiers have been an integral part of our  
9 nation's history since before we were a nation; General George Washington saw the need to  
10 recognize and encourage military merit in the Continental Army during the American  
11 Revolution; he selected a purple heart as the signifier of such merit; and

12                WHEREAS, through the decades and centuries, the use and significance of the  
13 Purple Heart award have evolved, but the merit it represents has never been in short supply  
14 in the hearts of America's military personnel; and

15                WHEREAS, in our own time among those outside of military service, the Purple  
16 Heart is probably the best known and most respected of all military honors; Americans are  
17 ever grateful for the battlefield sacrifices made by recipients of the Purple Heart; and

18                WHEREAS, commemoration and remembrance of Purple Heart recipients is always  
19 appropriate, and the addition of a Purple Heart Trail to the Louisiana Veterans Memorial  
20 Park at the state capitol is a fitting way to commemorate and remember.

1           THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge  
2 and request the Department of Veterans Affairs, in conjunction with the office of state  
3 buildings and in consultation with the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism's state  
4 historic preservation officer, to plan and implement, subject to the approval of the governor,  
5 the president of the Senate, and the speaker of the House of Representatives, a Purple Heart  
6 Trail in the Louisiana Veterans Memorial Park, located on the grounds surrounding the state  
7 capitol.

8           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
9 secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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