



H.Con.Res. 49- Recognizing the 75th anniversary of the Military Order of the Purple Heart and commending recipients of the Purple Heart for their courageous demonstrations of gallantry and heroism on behalf of the United States.

H.Con.Res. 49 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Walter Jones (R-NC) on January 31, 2007 and was referred to the Armed Services Committee but was not considered.

H.Con.Res. 49 is expected to be considered on the Floor of the House of Representatives on July 30, 2007.

Summary

H.Con.Res. 49 recognizes the 75th anniversary of the Military Order of the Purple Heart and commending recipients of the Purple Heart for their courageous demonstrations of gallantry and heroism on behalf of the United States.

Background

The Purple Heart was originally conceived as the Badge of Military Merit by General George Washington on August 7, 1782. It is a combat decoration awarded to members of the Armed Forces who are wounded by an instrument of war wielded by the enemy and posthumously to the next of kin in the name of members who are killed in action or die of wounds received in action.

1.5 million Purple Heart Medals have been awarded to members of the Armed Forces fighting in World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, Operation Desert Storm, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and other expeditionary conflicts. Of those 1.5 million more than 500,000 are still living today.

CBO Estimate

At the time of publication the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) had not yet scored this legislation.

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