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House of Representatives, February 4, 2003

An Act To Establish the Maine Week of Heroes

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

Millicent M. MacFarland
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND
Clerk

Presented by Representative VAUGHAN of Durham.

Under suspension of the rules, cosponsored by Senator EDMONDS of Cumberland and Representatives: ANNIS of Dover-Foxcroft, BLISS of South Portland, BRANNIGAN of Portland, BREault of Buxton, BRYANT-DESCHENES of Turner, BULL of Freeport, BUNKER of Kossuth Township, CLARK of Millinocket, COLLINS of Wells, Speaker COLWELL of Gardiner, CROSTHWAITE of Ellsworth, DUDLEY of Portland, DUNLAP of Old Town, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, GLYNN of South Portland, GREELEY of Levant, HOTHAM of Dixfield, HUTTON of Bowdoinham, KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor, LEMOINE of Old Orchard Beach, MAILHOT of Lewiston, McCORMICK of West Gardiner, McKEE of Wayne, McLAUGHLIN of Cape Elizabeth, MOODY of Manchester, MOORE of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, NORBERT of Portland, O'BRIEN of Lewiston, PEAVEY-HASKELL of Greenbush, RICHARDSON of Brunswick, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland, SULLIVAN of Biddeford, TOBIN of Windham, TRAHAN of Waldoboro, TREADWELL of Carmel, USHER of Westbrook, Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, STRIMLING of Cumberland, TREAT of Kennebec.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

4 **Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §146** is enacted to read:

6 **§146. Maine Week of Heroes**

8 Each political subdivision and school administrative unit is
10 encouraged to observe a Maine Week of Heroes during the week,
12 commencing on a Sunday and ending on the next following Saturday,
14 within which September 11th occurs. The observance may include
16 public proclamations, appropriate ceremonies and the introduction
18 of curricula in school systems recognizing the efforts of heroic
20 people in Maine communities, such as active duty military
personnel, emergency medical technicians, firefighters, law
enforcement officers, members of the National Guard, members of
the United States Coast Guard, United States military veterans
and all other heroes who have given their courageous service
without regard for their own lives or personal safety to benefit
the people of this great land and to serve the needs of the
citizens of the State.

22 **SUMMARY**

24 **This bill establishes the Maine Week of Heroes, to be**
26 **observed during the week within which September 11th occurs.**