

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, March 13, 2012

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**Resolve, Creating an Honorable Service Plaque To Honor Maine Veterans**

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Reference to the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Heather J.R. Priest'.

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST  
Clerk

Presented by Representative COTTA of China. (GOVERNOR'S BILL)  
Cosponsored by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin and  
Representatives: AYOTTE of Caswell, BEAVERS of South Berwick, BOLAND of Sanford,  
BRIGGS of Mexico, BURNS of Whiting, CLARKE of Bath, CORNELL du HOUX of  
Brunswick, CURTIS of Madison, DAMON of Bangor, DUNPHY of Embden, ESPLING of  
New Gloucester, FITZPATRICK of Houlton, GIFFORD of Lincoln, GILLWAY of Searsport,  
GUERIN of Glenburn, HANLEY of Gardiner, HARMON of Palermo, HARVELL of  
Farmington, HAYES of Buckfield, JOHNSON of Eddington, JOHNSON of Greenville,  
KAENRATH of South Portland, KESCHL of Belgrade, KNAPP of Gorham, KNIGHT of  
Livermore Falls, LIBBY of Waterboro, LONG of Sherman, LONGSTAFF of Waterville,  
MAKER of Calais, MALABY of Hancock, MALONEY of Augusta, McCLELLAN of  
Raymond, McFADDEN of Dennysville, McKANE of Newcastle, MITCHELL of the  
Penobscot Nation, MONAGHAN-DERRIG of Cape Elizabeth, MORISSETTE of Winslow,  
MOULTON of York, NEWENDYKE of Litchfield, Speaker NUTTING of Oakland,  
O'CONNOR of Berwick, OLSEN of Phippsburg, PARKER of Veazie, PARRY of Arundel,  
PLUMMER of Windham, SANDERSON of Chelsea, SARTY of Denmark, SIROCKI of  
Scarborough, THERIAULT of Madawaska, TURNER of Burlington, WATERHOUSE of  
Bridgton, Senators: McCORMICK of Kennebec, President RAYE of Washington.

1           **Sec. 1. Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management,**  
 2 **Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services to develop Maine Honorable Service**  
 3 **Plaque. Resolved:** That the Director of the Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services within  
 4 the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management shall create a plaque  
 5 to be displayed in the Hall of Flags in the State House to honor veterans of the State who  
 6 have participated in military campaigns and operations and who are not honored by  
 7 existing plaques. The design of the plaque must be based upon the design of the State of  
 8 Maine Gold Star Honorable Service Medal; and be it further

9           **Sec. 2. Funding. Resolved:** That the Director of the Bureau of Maine Veterans'  
 10 Services may accept outside sources of funding to contract for the design and  
 11 construction of the plaque pursuant to section 1. The director shall provide prompt notice  
 12 of solicitation and acceptance of funds to the Legislative Council. All funds accepted  
 13 must be forwarded to the Executive Director of the Legislative Council along with an  
 14 accounting record that includes the amount of funds, the date the funds were received,  
 15 from whom the funds were received and the purpose of and any limitation on the use of  
 16 the funds. The Executive Director of the Legislative Council shall administer any funds  
 17 received; and be it further

18           **Sec. 3. Report; final authorization. Resolved:** That the Director of the Bureau  
 19 of Maine Veterans' Services shall submit a report regarding the proposed design and  
 20 location of the plaque pursuant to section 1 to the joint standing committee of the  
 21 Legislature having jurisdiction over legal and veterans affairs and the Legislative Council  
 22 through the office of the Executive Director of the Legislative Council when all necessary  
 23 funds are raised. The final authorization for the placement of the plaque in the State  
 24 House Hall of Flags must be made by the Legislative Council; and be it further

25           **Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following  
 26 appropriations and allocations are made.

27 **LEGISLATURE**

28 **State House and Capitol Park Commission 0615**

29 Initiative: Provides a base allocation to authorize expenditures of any funds received by  
 30 the Director of the Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services within the Department of  
 31 Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to contract for the design and  
 32 construction of a plaque to honor veterans of the State.

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34	<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>
35	All Other	\$500	\$0
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37	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$0</u>

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## SUMMARY

The resolve directs the Director of the Bureau of Veterans' Services within the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to create a plaque for display in the Hall of Flags in the State House honoring veterans not otherwise honored by existing plaques. It authorizes the bureau to accept private funds for the creation and installation of the plaque.