
ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to: Department of Veterans Affairs' 70 years of service to veterans.

Whereas, soon after the attack on Pearl Harbor, Wisconsin began planning for the return to civilian life of all men and women who were to serve in the armed forces; and

Whereas, in 1943, Wisconsin legislation created the Veterans Recognition Board to provide medical, hospital, educational, and economic aid to returning Wisconsin veterans of World War II and their dependents; and

Whereas, during the 1945 legislative session the Veterans Recognition Board and several other state departments concerned with veterans affairs were integrated into a single department, the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs, that combined the powers, duties, and functions previously assigned to the separate agencies; and

Whereas, legislation enacted in 2011 further recognized the importance of the mission of the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs for veterans and elevated the department to the cabinet level; and

Whereas, the state of Wisconsin has seen fit to provide assistance to all returning veterans and families, with the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs steadfastly partnering with the many veterans service organizations and community groups to improve services and outcomes for Wisconsin's men and women who are veterans; and

Whereas, the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs leads the nation, embracing 21st-century tools, in delivering claims and funeral services and operates veterans homes at King, Union Grove, and Chippewa Falls, providing top-tier skilled nursing and assisted living services to veterans and their spouses; and

Whereas, over the past 70 years the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs has not wavered in its support to Wisconsin veterans, from World War II to the present, and has continued to maintain the most comprehensive array of state veterans benefits of any state while also working to ensure Wisconsin veterans and their families learn about and receive the benefits and services they have rightfully earned; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs is recognized and commended for its 70 years of service to Wisconsin veterans; and, be it further

Resolved, That the assembly chief clerk shall transmit a copy of this joint resolution to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Senator Mary Lazich
President of the Senate

Representative Robin J. Vos
Speaker of the Assembly

Date

Patrick E. Fuller
Assembly Chief Clerk