



1999 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 57

May 24, 1999 - Introduced by Representative MUSSER, cosponsored by Senator MOEN. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** designating August 16 of each year as National Airborne Day.

2 Whereas, the Parachute Test Platoon was authorized by the War Department
3 on June 25, 1940, to experiment with the potential use of airborne troops; and

4 Whereas, the Parachute Test Platoon was composed of 48 volunteers who began
5 training in July 1940; and

6 Whereas, the Parachute Test Platoon performed the first official Army
7 parachute jump on August 16, 1940; and

8 Whereas, the success of the Parachute Test Platoon led to the formation of a
9 large and successful airborne contingent serving from World War II until the present;
10 and

11 Whereas, the 82nd Airborne Division was the first airborne division that was
12 organized following the successes of the Parachute Test Platoon and the early
13 airborne training program and has continued in active service since its creation; and

14 Whereas, the 82nd Airborne Division Association exists to continue and foster
15 that special esprit de corps among fellow paratroopers, to perpetuate the memory of

