



2007 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 53

1 **Relating to:** the 75th Anniversary of the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

2 Whereas, courageous men and women have served our country in military
3 conflicts over the years, and many have sacrificed their lives for the freedoms we all
4 enjoy; and

5 Whereas, over 1,000,000 men and women have been severely injured in the
6 course of conflict with an enemy force, or while held by an enemy force as a prisoner
7 of war, or killed in the course of action, thus receiving the Purple Heart for Military
8 Merit; and

9 Whereas, the Purple Heart was established on August 7, 1782, in Newburgh,
10 New York, during the Revolutionary War, when General George Washington issued
11 an order establishing the Decoration of the Purple Heart; and

12 Whereas, the Military Order of the Purple Heart was founded in 1932 to protect
13 and promote the mutual interests of Purple Heart recipients; and

14 Whereas, there are over 1,535,000 recipients of the Purple Heart Medal,
15 approximately 550,000 of whom are still living; and

