

## 2021-J2760

Senate Resolution No. 2760

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RECOGNIZING May 30, 2022, as Memorial Day

WHEREAS, In honor and recognition of all of our fallen service members, the United States Congress, by a joint resolution approved May 11, 1950, calls upon the people of the United States to observe each Memorial Day as a day of prayer for permanent peace and designating a period on that day when the people of the United States might unite in prayer and reflection; and

WHEREAS, On Memorial Day, we honor and reflect upon the courage, integrity, and selfless dedication of the members of our Armed Forces who have made the greatest sacrifice in service to our Nation; whether in the waters of the Pacific, on the beachheads of Europe, in the deserts of the Middle East, or in the mountains of Afghanistan, American service members have given their lives to uphold our Constitution and to defend the safety and freedoms of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, These patriots embody the best of the American spirit, putting themselves on the line for our shared values of duty, honor, and country, and they paid the ultimate price; our Nation can never fully repay the debt we owe to our fallen heroes and their families; and

WHEREAS, On this vital day of recognition, and every day, we ask God to protect our troops; we also recognize the tremendous loss endured by America's Gold Star families, the families of military members who died

in conflict; we have a sacred obligation as a Nation to support those families and to always honor the memories of their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, Our State and Nation will never forget the courage and patriotism demonstrated by the countless women and men who laid down their lives so that we may continue to pursue a more perfect Union and to protect the unalienable rights Americans hold dear; they came from every part of the country, of every background and belief, united by a shared belief in our uniquely American creed that all people are created equal; and

WHEREAS, On Memorial Day we will honor their legacy by continuing our work to live up to that commitment and to advance the values they lived and died to defend; we will continue to fight for equity and inclusion in our country and institutions, and ensure every qualified American who is willing to serve our country has a fair and equal opportunity to do so; and

WHEREAS, We will continue to honor our fallen service members through the actions of a new generation who volunteer to serve in uniform, who anchor our military to our democratic values, and who stand ready to deter aggression from our enemies and, if required, fight and defend our Nation; and

WHEREAS, Today, as we keep true to the memory of our fallen heroes, we will endeavor to meet their legacy and once more lead the world through the power of our example and not just the example of our power; and

WHEREAS, As our Nation's service members continue to risk their lives to protect our homeland and thwart our enemies, we must not lose

sight of our desire for enduring peace; every day, countless Americans pray and work for peace so that we may one day live in a world where American patriots need not make the ultimate sacrifice, and where all people live in freedom and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, As a Nation, we are grateful to the brave members of our Armed Services, both past and present, who have forged the legacy for that possibility; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to recognize May 30, 2022, as Memorial Day.