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S. CON. RES. 56

Expressing the sense of Congress that a commemorative postage stamp should be issued by the United States Postal Service honoring the members of the Armed Forces who have been awarded the Purple Heart.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 26, 2001

Ms. SNOWE submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Whereas the Order of the Purple Heart for Military Merit, commonly known as the Purple Heart, is the oldest military decoration in the world in present use;

Whereas the Purple Heart is awarded in the name of the President of the United States to members of the Armed Forces who are wounded in conflict with an enemy force or while held by an enemy force as a prisoner of war, and posthumously to the next of kin of members of the Armed Forces who are killed in conflict with an enemy

force or who die of a wound received in conflict with an enemy force;

Whereas the Purple Heart was established on August 7, 1782, during the Revolutionary War, when General George Washington issued an order establishing the Honorary Badge of Distinction, otherwise known as the Badge of Military Merit or the Decoration of the Purple Heart;

Whereas the award of the Purple Heart ceased with the end of the Revolutionary War, but was revived out of respect for the memory and military achievements of George Washington in 1932, the year marking the 200th anniversary of his birth; and

Whereas the issuance of a postage stamp commemorating the members of the Armed Forces who have been awarded the Purple Heart is a fitting tribute both to those members and to the memory of George Washington: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*
2 *concurring), That it is the sense of Congress that—*

3 (1) the United States Postal Service should
4 issue a postage stamp commemorating the members
5 of the Armed Forces who have been awarded the
6 Purple Heart; and

7 (2) the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee
8 should recommend to the Postmaster General that
9 such a stamp be issued not later than 1 year after
10 the adoption of this resolution.

