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NATIONAL LEGION OF VALOR DAY

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Mr. RUDD. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to rise today to introduce a joint resolution to designate August 4, 1985 as "National Legion of Valor Day".

The Legion of Valor, originally founded as the Medal of Honor Legion back in 1890—almost a century ago—has brought together distinguished Americans from across the country who have received our Nation's highest decorations for valor in defense of liberty and freedom: The Medal of Honor of the Navy, the Air Force and the Army, and the Distinguished Service Cross, Navy Cross, and Air Force Cross.

This August 4th marks the 30th anniversary of the granting of a congressional charter to the Legion of Valor. That recognition was well deserved. However, the men and women of the Legion of Valor have never been content to sit on their laurels and stop serving our country upon their discharge from the military services; true to form, they continue to serve honorably today, taking part in community activities and veterans services.

I therefore invite my colleagues to

join me in commemorating the 30th anniversary of the congressional charter and in thanking the men and women of the Legion who have demonstrated extraordinary heroism in combat, risking their lives for others so that they might be free.

The resolution follows:

H.J. RES. —

Whereas August 4, 1985, marks the 30th anniversary of the granting of the Congressional charter to the Legion of Valor of the United States of America, Inc.;

Whereas membership in the Legion of Valor is reserved for the recipients of our Nation's highest decorations for valor: the Medal of Honor of the Navy, the Army and the Air Force, and the Distinguished Service Cross, Navy Cross, and Air Force Cross;

Whereas the Medal of Honor is awarded for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of life above and beyond the call of duty;

Whereas the Army, Navy, and Air Force Crosses are awarded for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy;

Whereas the efforts and sacrifices of the recipients of these decorations for valor inspire their comrades and all Americans to be a force for liberty and freedom: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the August 4, 1985, is hereby designated "National Legion of Valor Day". The President is requested to issue a proclamation calling upon all Federal, State, and local government agencies and people of the United States, to observe the day with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.