

House Resolution 1944

By: Representatives Birdsong of the 104th, Coleman of the 118th, Warren of the 99th, Heath of the 18th, Douglas of the 73rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing August 6-12, 2004, as "Purple Heart Week" in honor of this state's and our
2 nation's combat wounded veterans; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, on August 7, 1782, at his Newburgh, New York, headquarters, General George
4 Washington devised the Badge of Military Merit in the figure of a heart in purple cloth; and

5 WHEREAS, the United States War Department later designated the Badge of Military Merit
6 as the Purple Heart on February 22, 1932; and

7 WHEREAS, the Military Order of the Purple Heart of the United States of America,
8 Incorporated, was chartered by Congress on August 26, 1958, as the only organization of
9 combat wounded veterans; and

10 WHEREAS, the Military Order of the Purple Heart is celebrating the 222nd anniversary of
11 the establishment of the Purple Heart by General George Washington.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
13 the members of this body recognize August 6-12, 2004, as "Purple Heart Week" in honor of
14 combat wounded veterans.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
16 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Military Order of the
17 Purple Heart of the United States of America, Incorporated.