

House Resolution 1784

By: Representatives Kahaian of the 81st, Bonner of the 73rd, McCollum of the 30th, Byrd of the 20th, and Santos of the 117th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing April 30, 2026, as Veterans Support Services Awareness Day and honoring
2 James "Jim" Dunn for his lifelong service to veterans; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia is home to hundreds of thousands of military veterans who
4 have honorably served this nation and who deserve timely access to the benefits, resources,
5 and support earned through their service; and

6 WHEREAS, many veterans face significant barriers after leaving military service, including
7 lack of awareness of available benefits, difficulty navigating complex systems, and
8 challenges related to healthcare, employment, transportation, and mental health; and

9 WHEREAS, James "Jim" Dunn exemplifies selfless service and lifelong dedication to
10 veterans, having honorably served in the United States Marine Corps from 1969 to 1973,
11 including overseas service with the 7th Communication Battalion and the 3rd Marine
12 Amphibious Force; and

13 WHEREAS, following his military service, Jim Dunn and his wife, Theresa, raised their
14 family and have three beautiful children, Melanie, Marcie, and Michael, as well as five
15 amazing grandchildren, Christopher, Carley, Maggie, Sydney and Charlotte; and

16 WHEREAS, he devoted nearly 30 years to the automotive industry in finance and sales
17 before retiring, only to continue serving his community by working an additional four years
18 as a school bus driver for Henry County; and

19 WHEREAS, rather than seeking rest in retirement, Jim Dunn chose to serve again,
20 volunteering at the Stockbridge VA Outpatient Clinic, where he assisted veterans at the
21 check-in desk and gained firsthand knowledge of the many obstacles veterans face when
22 seeking care and services; and

23 WHEREAS, motivated by this experience and a deep desire to do more, Jim Dunn founded
24 the Henry County Veterans Support Group, where he serves as CEO and continues to
25 connect veterans across Georgia with resources, guidance, and support, ensuring no veteran
26 is left to navigate the system alone; and

27 WHEREAS, individuals like Jim Dunn play a vital role in bridging the gap between veterans
28 and the services available to them, strengthening communities and honoring the sacrifices
29 made by Georgia's veterans and their families.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body recognize April 30, 2026, as Veterans Support Services Awareness
32 Day and honor James "Jim" Dunn for his exemplary service to veterans, his continued
33 commitment to public service, and his unwavering dedication to ensuring veterans receive
34 the help and respect they have earned.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
36 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to James
37 "Jim" Dunn.