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Expressing support for the designation of November 15, 2026, as ''National Warrior Call Day'' and recognizing the importance of connecting members of the Armed Forces and veterans in the United States to support structures necessary to transition from the battlefield, especially peer-to-peer connection.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. COTTON) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Expressing support for the designation of November 15, 2026, as ''National Warrior Call Day'' and recognizing the importance of connecting members of the Armed Forces and veterans in the United States to support structures necessary to transition from the battlefield, especially peer-to-peer connection.

Whereas establishing an annual ''National Warrior Call Day'' will draw attention to the members of the Armed Forces and veterans in the United States whose connection to one another is key to supporting those members and veterans who may be dangerously disconnected from family, friends, and support systems;

Whereas the number of suicides of members of the Armed Forces was 471 in 2024, 302 of whom were on active duty;

Whereas, in 2024, the overall rate of suicide deaths per 100,000 members of the Armed Forces reached 23.2;

Whereas, in 2024, there were 6,488 suicide deaths among veterans, a slight decrease from 6,662 suicide deaths in 2023;

Whereas the rate of suicide among veterans in 2024 was 36.4 per 100,000;

Whereas, adjusting for age differences, the suicide rate in 2024 among female veterans was 99.9 percent higher than for female non-veterans, and the age-adjusted rate for male veterans was 56.5 percent higher than for male non-veterans;

Whereas the Department of Veterans Affairs found in its 2026 National Veteran Suicide Prevention Annual Report that in 2024, ''Suicide rates were highest among veterans 18 to 34.'';

Whereas over half of the veterans who die by suicide have had no known contact with the Department of Veterans Affairs in the year they died or in the year prior to the year they died;

Whereas a myriad of factors leads to increased isolation and disconnection, further exacerbating mental and physical ailments such as post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, anxiety, and depression;

Whereas invisible wounds linked to an underlying and undiagnosed traumatic brain injury can present as or exacerbate a mental health condition, a problem that can be addressed through appropriate medical treatment;

Whereas additional research is needed to establish traumatic brain injury as a root cause of invisible wounds and suicide by members of the Armed Forces and veterans; and

Whereas November 15, 2026, would be an appropriate day to designate as ''National Warrior Call Day'': Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the designation of November 15, 2026, as ''National Warrior Call Day'';

(2) encourages all individuals in the United States, especially members of the Armed Forces serving on active duty and veterans, to call a warrior, have an honest conversation, and connect them with support, understanding that making a warrior call could reduce isolation and potentially save a life; and

(3) implores all individuals in the United States to recommit themselves to engaging with members of the Armed Forces and veterans through ''National Warrior Call Day'' and other constructive efforts that result in solutions and treatment for the invisible scars that can afflict veterans and members of the Armed Forces.