

117TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

S. RES. _____

Designating November 13, 2022, as “National Warrior Call Day” in recognition of the importance of connecting warriors in the United States to support structures necessary to transition from the battlefield.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mrs. SHAHEEN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Designating November 13, 2022, as “National Warrior Call Day” in recognition of the importance of connecting warriors in the United States to support structures necessary to transition from the battlefield.

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

Whereas the rate of suicide for members of the Armed Forces serving on active duty increased from 20.3 per 100,000 individuals in 2015 to 28.7 per 100,000 individuals in 2020;

Whereas the suicide rate for veterans has steadily increased since 2006, with 6,261 veterans taking their own lives in 2019;

Whereas, after adjusting for sex and age, the rate of veteran suicide in 2019 was 31.6 per 100,000 individuals, substantially higher than the rate among adults in the United States who are not veterans at 16.8 per 100,000 individuals;

Whereas more veterans have died by suicide in the last 10 years than members of the Armed Forces who died from combat in Vietnam;

Whereas many of the veterans who take their own lives have had no contact with the Department of Veterans Affairs;

Whereas the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID–19) pandemic continues to lead to increased isolation and disconnection, further exacerbating mental and physical ailments such as post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury;

Whereas invisible wounds linked to an underlying and undiagnosed traumatic brain injury can mirror many mental health conditions, a problem that can be addressed through appropriate medical treatment;

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

Whereas November 13, 2022, would be an appropriate day to designate as “National Warrior Call Day”: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

1 (1) designates November 13, 2022, as “Na-
2 tional Warrior Call Day”;

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

9 (3) implores all individuals in the United States
10 to recommit themselves to engaging with members of
11 the Armed Forces through “National Warrior Call
12 Day” and other constructive efforts that result in
13 solutions and treatment for the invisible scars they
14 carry.