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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 A House Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Women Veterans Day**

3 FOR the purpose of designating March 13 as Women Veterans Day.

4 WHEREAS, Maryland is home to more than 51,000 women veterans, representing
5 approximately 13% of Maryland's veteran population – a larger percentage than the 9% of
6 women veterans of the United States veteran population; and

7 WHEREAS, Women veterans are unique in their circumstances and needs, often
8 tending to be younger, and more racially and ethnically diverse in comparison to their male
9 counterparts; and

10 WHEREAS, Women veterans are less likely to be married, more likely to be divorced,
11 more likely to bear child care responsibilities, and five times more likely to be in a dual
12 service member marriage than their male counterparts; and

13 WHEREAS, Women veterans are less likely to have a family support system and
14 often shoulder greater economic stress than their male counterparts; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the General
16 Assembly of Maryland designates March 13 as Women Veterans Day; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
18 Legislative Services to the Honorable Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr., Governor of Maryland; the
19 Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and the
20 Honorable Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House of Delegates.

