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House Bill 600 (Delegate Beitzel, *et al.*)
Health and Government Operations

State Government - Commemorative Month - Young Heroes Month

This bill requires the Governor to annually proclaim the month of October as Young Heroes Month. The proclamation must urge educational and cultural organizations to observe the month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Commemorating Young Heroes Month does not affect State finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Six official commemorative days and two months are recognized in State law as shown in **Exhibit 1**. The Governor also must issue a proclamation each year encouraging citizens and other individuals to observe a moment of silence at 3 p.m. on Memorial Day to unite in remembrance and commemorate the heroic acts and efforts of Marylanders who have served and died in the U.S. armed forces.

Background: Young heroes are young people who have inspired and enriched the lives of others through such actions as community service, courageous acts, and leadership efforts. Commemoration of Young Heroes Month may help Marylanders learn more about and recognize the achievements of young heroes, their role in history, and their everyday impact.

Exhibit 1
Official Commemorative Days and Months in Maryland

Asian Lunar New Year Day ¹	January/February
Black History Month	February
Women's History Month	March
John Hanson's Birthday ²	April 13
Law Day	May 1
Maryland Charter Day	June 20
Poetry Day	October 15
Annapolis Charter Day	December 17

¹Day designated as new year on the Asian lunar calendar.

²John Hanson served as the first president of the Continental Congress under the Articles of Confederation from 1781 to 1782.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

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