



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR JOHN GARAMENDI

Resolution
IN RECOGNITION OF
Yellow Ribbon America
~September 11, 2007~

WHEREAS, the men and women of California have always heeded their country's call to serve and today California has more members of the military serving in Iraq and Afghanistan than any other state in the nation; unfortunately, California also has the greatest number of wounded, who are now returning from this war to find their lives are forever changed; and

WHEREAS, a yellow ribbon has a symbolic meaning for those waiting for someone to come home; but, in recent years, it has been displayed to show our support for our service men and women and to keep them first and foremost in our hearts and prayers; and

WHEREAS, Yellow Ribbon America provides a national framework to organize all of California's cities and towns, to deliver immediate and direct support to our deployed military personnel and the families who are left behind; and by offering valuable support to our nation's military families, Yellow Ribbon America enables our service members to focus on their mission; and Yellow Ribbon America also provides a warm "welcome home" to our soldiers returning with physical and mental injuries and works to inspire our fellow citizens to take action and give much needed community support to these service members and their families; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart was established by General George Washington at Newburgh, New York, on August 7, 1782, during the darkest days of our struggle for freedom during the Revolutionary War; and these times of despair prompted Thomas Paine to observe, "These are the times that try men's souls: The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of his country; but he that stands it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman;" and

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2007, Yellow Ribbon America will be honoring California's Iraq and Afghanistan Purple Heart recipients and commemorating the 225th Anniversary of the Purple Heart Award and the six-year anniversary of the tragic events of 9/11; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that I, John Garamendi, Lieutenant Governor of the State of California, do hereby recognize Yellow Ribbon America for honoring California's Purple Heart recipients and for maintaining our state's commitment to those who have placed service to our nation above all else.



I hereunto set my hand and have caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed on this 11th day of September, of the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

John Garamendi
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Lieutenant Governor