

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1924**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Michael S. Day*

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act honoring as veterans certain persons who served in the National Guard and Reserves.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Michael S. Day</i>	<i>31st Middlesex</i>	<i>1/19/2017</i>
<i>Linda Dean Campbell</i>	<i>15th Essex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>William L. Crocker, Jr.</i>	<i>2nd Barnstable</i>	<i>1/26/2017</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>1/26/2017</i>
<i>Eileen M. Donoghue</i>	<i>First Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/25/2017</i>
<i>Denise C. Garlick</i>	<i>13th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2017</i>
<i>Sheila C. Harrington</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>	<i>1/26/2017</i>
<i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.</i>	<i>28th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/26/2017</i>
<i>James R. Miceli</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/26/2017</i>
<i>Keiko M. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>	<i>1/24/2017</i>

*Steven Ultrino*

*33rd Middlesex*

*2/1/2017*

*Timothy R. Whelan*

*1st Barnstable*

*1/19/2017*

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By Mr. Day of Stoneham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1924) of Michael S. Day and others for legislation to recognize reserve veterans as veterans in the commonwealth. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3362 OF 2015-2016.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act honoring as veterans certain persons who served in the National Guard and Reserves.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Clause Forty-third of section 7 of chapter 4 of the General Laws, as  
2 appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

3 “Reserve veteran”, shall mean a person (a) whose last discharge from the National Guard  
4 or Reserve was under honorable conditions; and (b) who performed at least 20 years of service as  
5 computed under 10 U.S.C. section 12732; provided, however, that a reserve veteran shall not be  
6 considered a veteran for the purposes of this clause solely by reason of satisfying this definition.

7 SECTION 2. Chapter 115 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the  
8 following section:-

9           Section 16. Reserve veterans shall be honored and recognized as veterans in the  
10 commonwealth; provided, however that a reserve veteran shall not be eligible for benefits  
11 administered under this chapter or any other general or special law solely by reason of being a  
12 reserve veteran.

13           The commissioner shall develop a program for outreach to reserve veterans in order to  
14 effectively recognize their service and further their inclusion in all honorary and ceremonial  
15 events for veterans throughout the commonwealth.