

**SENATE . . . . . No.**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*John C. Velis*

*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 relative to honoring the founding of the United States Army, the United States Air Force, and the National Guard.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*John C. Velis*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Second Hampden and Hampshire*

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By Mr. Velis, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John C. Velis for legislation relative to honoring the founding of the United States Army, the United States Air Force, and the National Guard. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act relative to honoring the founding of the United States Army, the United States Air Force, and the National Guard.

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

1 Chapter 6 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 15BBBBBB  
2 the following 3 sections:-

3 Section 15CCCCC. The governor shall annually set apart the fourteenth of June, the  
4 anniversary of the founding of the United States Army, in recognition of the distinguished  
5 patriotic services rendered by that organization, and by the citizens of the commonwealth who so  
6 gallantly served, and issue a proclamation recommending that the day be observed by the people  
7 in the display of the flag and in appropriate public exercises, commemorative of the services and  
8 sacrifices of the citizens of the commonwealth who have served and continue to serve in the  
9 defense of the United States.

10 Section 15DDDDDD. The governor shall annually set apart the eighteenth of September,  
11 the anniversary of the founding of the United States Air Force, in recognition of its distinguished

12 history of service as a projector of American air power in support in defense of the Nation, and  
13 by the citizens of the commonwealth who so gallantly served, and issue a proclamation  
14 recommending that the day be observed by the people in the display of the flag and in  
15 appropriate public exercises, commemorative of the services and sacrifices of the citizens of the  
16 commonwealth who have served and continue to serve in the defense of the United States.

17           Section 15FFFFFF. The governor shall annually set apart the thirteenth of December, the  
18 anniversary of the founding of the National Guard, in recognition of its role as an operational  
19 reserve of the United States Army and Air Force, providing ready, well equipped personnel and  
20 equipment to support the federal military mission when called upon by the President and the  
21 governor of the commonwealth to respond to domestic emergencies, and by the citizen soldiers  
22 and airmen of the commonwealth who have unfailingly answered the call of duty, issue a  
23 proclamation recommending that the day be observed by the people in the display of the flag and  
24 in appropriate public exercises, commemorative of the services and sacrifices of the citizens of  
25 the commonwealth who have served and continue to serve in the defense of the United States.