

HOUSE No. 3494

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>1/20/2023</i>

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By Representative Day of Stoneham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3494) of Michael S. Day for legislation to recognize reserve veterans as veterans in the Commonwealth. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3647 OF 2021-2022.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

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.