

17103258D

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 306

Offered January 16, 2017

*Commending Gretna American Legion Post 232.*

Patrons—Stanley; Delegate: Adams

WHEREAS, on August 7, 2016, Gretna American Legion Post 232 unveiled its Purple Heart Monument to honor the service and sacrifices of the members of the United States Armed Forces who have been wounded or killed while defending the causes of justice, freedom, and democracy throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, as part of the nation's largest veterans' organization, Gretna American Legion Post 232 works to support active duty service members and veterans and conducts valuable outreach to the members of the Gretna and Pittsylvania County communities; and

WHEREAS, Gretna American Legion Post 232 worked with the Military Order of the Purple Heart, a veterans organization made up exclusively of the men and women who have received the Purple Heart, to erect the inspirational monument, which honors members of all branches of service; and

WHEREAS, Gretna American Legion Post 232 recognized nine living Purple Heart recipients from the Gretna area; numerous local residents attended the ceremony, demonstrating their patriotism and pride in the community; and

WHEREAS, the dedication ceremony for Gretna American Legion Post 232's Purple Heart Monument took place on Purple Heart Day, a national day of remembrance to celebrate the nation's more than 1.7 million Purple Heart recipients; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Gretna American Legion Post 232 on the dedication of its Purple Heart Monument; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Gretna American Legion Post 232 as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the post's mission to honor the service and sacrifices of all men and women in uniform.

INTRODUCED

SJ306