

**Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 9, 2001**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4048
(Senators Tallackson, Krauter, Mutch, G. Nelson)
(Representatives Belter, Boucher)
(Approved by the Delayed Bills Committee)

A concurrent resolution urging the issuance of a postage stamp to honor the Purple Heart medal and those who have received the Purple Heart medal.

WHEREAS, the Order of the Purple Heart for military merit, initially called the Badge of Military Merit, was established by General George Washington at Newburg, New York, on August 7, 1782, during the Revolutionary War; and

WHEREAS, the Order of the Purple Heart is a combat decoration awarded to members of the armed forces of the United States without regard to rank and issued without recommendation but upon specific criteria including being wounded or killed in hostile circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is a beautiful and the world's costliest medal requiring nineteen separate operations to complete from the rough heart stamped from bronze to the finished medal, plated with gold and enameled in various colors, suspended from a purple and white ribbon;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

That the Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly urges the issuance of a postage stamp to honor the Purple Heart medal and those who have received the Purple Heart medal; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the Postmaster General, the chairman and members of the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee, and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2001,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State