

HCR 83 -- BUDDY CHECK 22 DAY

SPONSOR: Gannon

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Veterans by a vote of 9 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 6 to 0.

This resolution designates the 22nd day of each month as "Buddy Check 22 Day" in Missouri to promote education and awareness of the problem of suicide facing military personnel.

This bill is the same as SCR 30 (2020).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this resolution would bring awareness to the problem of high rates of veteran suicide and the importance of checking in on military members on the 22nd day of each month. Supporters also stated the importance of having a "battle buddy" for veterans and how being engaged in society benefits veterans.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Gannon; Pat Rowe Kerr, Yellow Ribbon; and Robert Williams.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.