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## **House Joint Resolution 21**

*Encouraging the United States Congress to designate 2025 as the Year of the Soldier*

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## **Sponsor Statement**

House Joint Resolution 21 encourages Congress to designate 2025 as the Year of the Soldier. This designation honors the unwavering dedication, courage, and sacrifice of the men and women who serve in the United States Army. Since the US Army was founded on June 14<sup>th</sup>, 1775, our soldiers have stood as guardians of freedom, defending our nation and its ideals both at home and abroad.

Throughout our history, American soldiers have answered the call to serve with valor and commitment. From the Revolutionary War to present-day missions, they have faced adversity with resilience and have upheld the highest standards of military excellence. Their contributions have been instrumental in securing peace, providing humanitarian aid, and promoting stability around the world.

Designating 2025 as the “Year of the Soldier” provides an opportunity for our nation to collectively recognize and celebrate the invaluable role that soldiers play in safeguarding our freedoms. This designation encourages educational initiatives, community events, and public ceremonies that highlight their service and sacrifices. Moreover, it serves as a reminder of our collective responsibility to support soldiers and their families, ensuring they receive the care and recognition they deserve.

I urge my colleagues to support this resolution and join in honoring the bravery and dedication of our soldiers. Let us celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the United States Army by reaffirming our commitment to those who have given so much in the service to our country.