

**ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION No. 219**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**219th LEGISLATURE**

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**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman DANIEL R. BENSON**

**District 14 (Mercer and Middlesex)**

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**Assemblymen Conaway, Dancer and Assemblywoman Vainieri Huttie**

**SYNOPSIS**

Commemorates 125th anniversary of Jewish War Veterans of United States of America.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1   **A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION** commemorating the 125th  
2   anniversary of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of  
3   America.  
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5   **WHEREAS**, On March 15, 1896, 63 Civil War veterans gathered inside  
6   an opera house in New York City with the goal of combatting anti-  
7   Semitism, and left having created the Hebrew Union Veterans  
8   Association, now known as the Jewish War Veterans of the United  
9   States of America (JWV); and  
10   **WHEREAS**, The JWV is the oldest continually active veterans  
11   organization in the country, and has spent the last 125 years  
12   advocating for Jewish soldiers, supporting the United States in its  
13   wartime efforts, fighting for racial, religious, and gender  
14   protections, providing veterans services, and attaining numerous  
15   other notable achievements; and  
16   **WHEREAS**, The early efforts of the JWV included advocating for the  
17   rights of Jewish military members and a successful appeal to  
18   President Taft in 1913 after soldiers were denied leave for Yom  
19   Kippur, and fighting for legislation to ensure that the graves of  
20   Jewish service members who died in World War I in France were  
21   marked with a Star of David; and  
22   **WHEREAS**, After Adolph Hitler assumed the role of Chancellor of  
23   Germany in 1933, the JWV became the first organization to launch  
24   the boycott of German goods in the United States, and lead a march  
25   of over 4,000 veterans on City Hall in New York City which  
26   commenced with New York City Mayor John P. O'Brien publicly  
27   endorsing the boycott; and  
28   **WHEREAS**, During World War II, the JWV created the Emergency  
29   Program for Victory which called for a comprehensive civilian  
30   program to support the war effort and included several fundraising  
31   drives that allowed the JWV to purchase six fighter planes, 25  
32   ambulances, and several field kitchens for the United States  
33   military; and  
34   **WHEREAS**, The JWV was one of the first organizations to support the  
35   American Legion's efforts to pass the "Servicemen's Readjustment  
36   Act of 1944", more commonly known as the first GI Bill, and  
37   pushed for strong racial and religious protections while lobbying for  
38   the legislation; and  
39   **WHEREAS**, During the Korean War, the JWV aimed to mitigate the  
40   national blood shortage, and, in coordination with the American  
41   Red Cross, sponsored National Baseball Blood Month in 1952  
42   which saw blood drives in ballparks in 53 cities and lead to the  
43   JWV receiving credit for the first 100 pints of blood delivered in  
44   Korea; and  
45   **WHEREAS**, In 1955, the JWV established the Shrine to Jewish War  
46   Dead which received a Congressional Charter from President  
47   Eisenhower and was later renamed the American Museum of  
48   American Jewish Military History; and

1   **WHEREAS**, The JWV has a history of advocating for civil rights and is  
 2       the only Veterans Service Organization known to have participated  
 3       in the 1963 March on Washington with Martin Luther King, Jr.;  
 4       and

5   **WHEREAS**, After the September 11th terrorist attacks, the JWV sent  
 6       care packages overseas and the organization's national leadership  
 7       visited wounded troops at the Walter Reed Medical Center; and

8   **WHEREAS**, The Jewish War Veterans of the USA Foundation was  
 9       created in 2010 to support veterans and active duty military  
 10      personnel and their families, and awards over \$5,000 in grants  
 11      annually; and

12   **WHEREAS**, New Jersey is proudly home to 20 Jewish War Veterans  
 13      posts: Augenblick-Marcus Post 669; Bayonne Post 18; Clearbrook  
 14      Post 395; Dan Michelson-Livingston Post 740; David Blick Post  
 15      63; Essex-Preiskel-Miller-Glassberg Post 47; Furer-Barag-Wolf  
 16      Post 126; Jersey Shore Post 125; Kaufman Harris Cone Wayne Post  
 17      695; Lt. Garr-Greenstein-Friedenberg Post 39; Lt. James I. Platt  
 18      Post 651; Lt. Seth Dvorin Post 972; Memorial Post 601; Monroe  
 19      Township Post 609; N. Hudson-J. George Fredman Post 76; Ocean  
 20      County Post 178; Oglensky Jackson Post 359; Sanford L. Kahn  
 21      Post 538; Sgt. Sheldon Sheinfine Post 311; and Spc. Mark Seiden-  
 22      Ben Kaufman Post 444; and

23   **WHEREAS**, Given the numerous and historical achievements in the  
 24      organization's long history, it is fitting for this House to  
 25      commemorate and congratulate the Jewish War Veterans of the  
 26      United States of America on celebrating 125 years of service; now,  
 27      therefore,

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29       **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the General Assembly of the State of New*  
 30      *Jersey (the Senate concurring):*

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32       1. The Legislature of the State of New Jersey commemorates  
 33      the 125th anniversary of the Jewish War Veterans of the United  
 34      States of America.

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36       2. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State,  
 37      shall be transmitted by the Clerk of the General Assembly or the  
 38      Secretary of the Senate to the National Commander of the Jewish  
 39      War Veterans of the United States of America.

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# STATEMENT

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44       This resolution commemorates the 125th anniversary of the  
 45      Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America (JWV). The  
 46      JWV was founded on March 15, 1896 when 63 Jewish Civil War  
 47      veterans gathered in New York City with the goal of combatting

1 anti-Semitism. The result was the creation of the Hebrew Union  
2 Veterans Association, now known as the JWV.

3 The JWV is the oldest continually active veterans' organization  
4 in the country, and has played prominent roles in the wartime  
5 efforts of the United States of America during the past 125 years.  
6 In addition to providing wartime support to the country, the JWV  
7 advocates for the rights of Jewish military members and has a  
8 history of achievements including lobbying successfully in 1913 for  
9 service leave for Yom Kippur and supporting legislation to ensure  
10 that the graves of service members who died in World War I in  
11 France were marked with a Star of David.

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14 395; Dan Michelson-Livingston Post 740; David Blick Post 63;  
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16 126; Jersey Shore Post 125; Kaufman Harris Cone Wayne Post 695;  
17 Lt. Garr-Greenstein-Friedenberg Post 39; Lt. James I. Platt Post  
18 651; Lt. Seth Dvorin Post 972; Memorial Post 601; Monroe  
19 Township Post 609; N. Hudson-J. George Fredman Post 76; Ocean  
20 County Post 178; Oglensky Jackson Post 359; Sanford L. Kahn Post  
21 538; Sgt. Sheldon Sheinfine Post 311; and Spc. Mark Seiden-Ben  
22 Kaufman Post 444.

23 The JWV continues to offer services to veterans and members of  
24 the military, and offers a number of programs, as well as providing  
25 grant funding through their Jewish War Veterans of the USA  
26 Foundation.