



2025 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 55

May 20, 2025 - Introduced by Senators JAMES, CABRAL-GUEVARA, CARPENTER, DASSLER-ALFHEIM, DRAKE, KEYESKI, MARKLEIN, NASS, PFAFF, ROYS, SPREITZER, WANGGAARD, WIMBERGER and HESSELBEIN, cosponsored by Representatives KURTZ, ALLEN, HURD, PENTERMAN, SORTWELL, BARE, BROWN, CALLAHAN, DESMIDT, DITTRICH, DOYLE, DUCHOW, FRANKLIN, GUNDRUM, B. JACOBSON, JOHNSON, KAUFERT, KITCHENS, KNODL, KREIBICH, MCCARVILLE, MELOTIK, MIRESE, MOSES, MURPHY, MURSAU, NOVAK, O'CONNOR, PALMERI, PRADO, PETERSEN, SHEEHAN, SINICKI, SNYDER, SPIROS, STEFFEN, STUBBS, SUBECK, TRANEL, TUCKER, WICHGERS, WITKE, ZIMMERMAN and HAYWOOD. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** recognizing the United States Army's 250th birthday.

2 Whereas, older than the nation it defends, the U.S. Army was established on
3 June 14, 1775, and this year marks 250 years of continuous defense of the nation;
4 and

5 Whereas, as we celebrate the 250th birthday of the U.S. Army, we reflect on its
6 rich history and legacy of service, sacrifice, and dedication; and

7 Whereas, from the Revolutionary War to present-day missions, our soldiers
8 have consistently demonstrated their resolve to defend freedom at home and
9 abroad; and

10 Whereas, for 250 years, U.S. Army soldiers, families, and Army civilians have
11 supported our nation, bearing true faith and allegiance to the country, the U.S.
12 Constitution, and the Army; and

13 Whereas, America's Army is the largest of the armed services, consisting of

1 more than 1.2 million people across the globe who defend our country every day;
2 and

3 Whereas, today's Army stands ready to meet any challenge and will continue
4 to adapt and modernize to remain the most lethal ground force in the world; and

5 Whereas, more than 10,000 Army soldiers and civilians are currently
6 stationed or working in Wisconsin, and more than 100,000 Army veterans call
7 Wisconsin home; and

8 Whereas, since it was established in 1909, U.S. Army Garrison Fort McCoy
9 has played a crucial role in our nation's defense and growth as a nation, both as a
10 mobilization and training site for military personnel and as a select location for
11 housing displaced persons; and

12 Whereas, Fort McCoy is the only U.S. Army installation in Wisconsin, has a
13 local and regional economic impact of nearly \$1.4 billion, and remains one of
14 Monroe County's largest employers; and

15 Whereas, each Army soldier serves according to the Army Values of loyalty,
16 duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity, and personal courage; and

17 Whereas, Army soldiers and civilians will continue to maintain the trust and
18 confidence of the American people while adding to the proud legacy of the Army;
19 and

20 Whereas, Wisconsin honors and appreciates its Army soldiers, civilians, and
21 veterans and their legacy of brave service to our state and nation as a whole; now,
22 therefore, be it

23 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the Wisconsin

1 Legislature celebrates the U.S. Army's 250th birthday on June 14, 2025, and
2 recognizes its rich history and legacy of service, sacrifice, and dedication.

3 (END)