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Overview

This bill designates September 16th of each year as *American Legion Day* in Minnesota.

Background:

On September 16, 1919, Congress (under Title 36 U.S.C.) formally chartered the American Legion as a veterans mutual aid service organization, to benefit those veterans who served during a wartime period as defined by Congress. However, it is not necessary for membership eligibility that a veteran have served within any designated combat or hostile fire zone, nor in combat itself.

Today, the American Legion has approximately 3 million members in over 14,000 posts nationwide, and is best known for its many fine youth programs, including Boys State, Girls State, and American Legion Baseball.