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Veterans Education Project Applauds Senate Introduction of S.342: Purple Heart Veterans Education Act

Washington, D.C. – The Veterans Education Project (VEP) proudly supports the introduction of **S. 342, the Purple Heart Veterans Education Act of 2025**, introduced by **Senator Patty Murray (D-WA)**. This bipartisan legislation addresses a critical gap in the Post-9/11 GI Bill by ensuring that all Purple Heart recipients can transfer their earned educational benefits to their dependents—regardless of when they received their award.

Under current law, only service members who were awarded the Purple Heart prior to or during their service are eligible to transfer Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits. Veterans who received the Purple Heart after separation from service remain unfairly excluded. S.342 closes this gap, extending this important benefit to all Purple Heart recipients and recognizing their extraordinary sacrifice.

“The Purple Heart is a symbol of courage and sacrifice,” said Donald Franklin, Executive Director of the Veterans Education Project. “Veterans made those willingly made sacrifices for this country as well as their families. It should not matter when that recognition is given. S.342 ensures that all those who have been wounded in service to this country can extend opportunity to their families.”

The bill builds on a 2018 Department of Defense policy change that expanded benefit transfer options to certain Purple Heart recipients. However, those awarded the Purple Heart post-discharge were left behind. S.342 ensures that these veterans are treated with the same respect and dignity, allowing them to share their earned benefits with their spouses and children. VEP applauds Senator Murray’s leadership and urges swift passage of this legislation.

For more information on the Purple Heart Veterans Education Act, or to support this initiative, please contact nick@thevep.org.

About the Veterans Education Project

The Veterans Education Project (VEP) is a nonpartisan advocacy organization dedicated to ensuring that veterans, service members, and their families receive fair and equitable access to education benefits. VEP works with policymakers, educators, and veteran communities to advance legislation that protects and expands opportunities for those who have served.

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