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LD 1315 - An Act to Authorize the Display of an Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal Decal on a Special Veterans Commemorative License Plate

Good morning, Senator Nangle, Representative Crafts and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation. As you know, my name is Marianne Moore. I proudly represent Senate District 6 which includes all of Washington County and 16 Communities in Eastern Hancock County as well.

I'm here to introduce LD 1315 - *An Act to Authorize the Display of an Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal Decal on a Special Veterans Commemorative License Plate*.

Earlier this year I received a letter from a constituent requesting my assistance to add the Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal (IRCM) to the selection of Veteran Commemorative decals for veteran license plates. Upon visiting the Maine Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) website, I discovered a variety of Veteran Commemorative Decal options from World War II European and Pacific theater campaign medals to the recent operations in Iraq and Afghanistan; however, IRCM was absent.

Operation Inherent Resolve is the ongoing campaign in Iraq and Syria to defeat the Islamic state of Iraq and Syria (ISIS). Operation Inherent Resolve recently passed the 10-year mark, having begun in 2014, exceeding the length of Operation Iraqi Freedom (2003-2011).

A brief history about the campaign can be found at: <https://www.inherentresolve.mil/WHO-WE-ARE/History/>.

Information about the actual medal can be found at: <https://www.afps.af.mil/Fact-Sheets/Display/Article873149/inherent-resolve-campaign-medal/>

My constituent contacted the Maine BMV about adding the IRCM to the available Veteran Commemorative Decals. Nikki Bachelder (Director, Division of Vehicle Services) informed him

he would need to have a legislator add the decal to the current law recognizing special commemorative decals for medals, badges or ribbons awarded. Thus, the purpose of this bill.

As you can see by the Summary, this bill provides that a recipient of the Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal may display a decal of the commemorative medal on the recipient's license plates.

I ask for your support in passing this bill to honor the veterans and currently serving military personnel who have earned this important medal.

Thank you!