

SB 573 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Post

House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

Action Date: 05/18/17

Action: Do Pass.

Vote: 7-0-1-0

Yeas: 7 - Esquivel, Evans, Lewis, Lively, Meek, Parrish, Post

Exc: 1 - Boone

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Encourages reflection to honor military service members lost at war, observed at noon on the 21st day of each month, for 21 seconds.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Unique provisions of measure

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Senate Bill 573 encourages a very specific form of reflection to honor service members who died in war, observed by pausing for 21 seconds at noon on the 21st day of every month. It is based on the patriotic symbolism of the number 21: it being the 21st century, the honor of a 21-gun salute, associating with the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in which the guard takes 21 steps and then pauses for 21 seconds, and the sum of the numbers "1776."