Proclamation / Recognition #1

COUNTY AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Commissioners	Presenter(s):	Chairman Steve Brown
Meeting Date:	Thursday, May 8, 2014	Type of Request:	Presentation/Recognition

Wording for the Agenda:

Proclamation of Saturday, May 17, 2014 as "Armed Forces Day in Fayette County."

Background/History/Details:

President Harry Truman led the effort to establish a single holiday for citizens to come together and thank military members for their patriotic service in support of the United States.

Created on August 31, 1949, Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson announced the creation of Armed Forces Day to replace separate Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force and Coast Guard Days. The Marine Corps League declined to drop support for Marine Corps Day but supports Armed Forces Day too (although each branch continues to celebrate its own day.) Armed Forces Day was created following the unification of the Armed Forces under the Department of Defense.

Armed Forces Day was first observed on May 20, 1950, and was celebrated by parades, open houses, receptions and air shows. The theme for that day was "Teamed for Defense," which expressed the unification of all military forces under one government department. The day was designed to expand public understanding of what type of job was performed and the role of the miliary in civilian life.

Armed Forces day was a day for the military to show "state of the art" equipment to Americans. Armed Forces Day is still celebrated nationwide and is part of Armed Forces Week.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

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If this item requires funding, please describe:

Not Applicable.

Has this request been considered within the past two years?	No	If so, when?	
Is Audio-Visual Equipment Required for this Request?*	No	Backup Provided with Request?	Yes

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Approved by Finance	Not Applicable	Reviewed by Legal	
Approved by Purchasing	Not Applicable	County Clerk's Approval	Yes
Administrator's Approval			

Staff Notes: