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3 4 5	(By Delegates P. Smith, Boggs, Miley, Skaff, Moore, Poore and L. Phillips)
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7	Committee on Government Organization.]
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10	A BILL to amend and reenact $\$2-2-1a$ of the Code of West Virginia,
11	1931, as amended, relating to designating the first Thursday
12	in May the West Virginia Day of Prayer.
13	Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:
14	That $\S2-2-1a$ of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended,
15	be amended and reenacted to read as follows:
16	ARTICLE 2. LEGAL HOLIDAYS; SPECIAL MEMORIAL DAYS; CONSTRUCTION OF
17	STATUTES; DEFINITIONS.
18	§2-2-1a. Special memorial days.
19	(a) The Governor shall, by proclamation, declare the week
20	beginning with the Sunday before Thanksgiving as a special memorial
21	week to be known as Native American Indian Heritage Week.
22	(b) The first Tuesday after the first Monday of November is
23	designated Susan B. Anthony Day and shall only be a legal holiday
24	in all years ending in an even number. The Governor shall annually
25	issue a proclamation calling on all schools, civic organizations,

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1 government departments and citizens to undertake activities on the 2 designated day and surrounding days to pay tribute to the 3 accomplishments of Susan B. Anthony in securing the civil and 4 political rights of all Americans, including securing equal voting 5 rights for women.

6 (c) The Governor shall, by proclamation, declare the week 7 during which December 7 falls to be a special memorial week, to be 8 known as Pearl Harbor and Military Appreciation week, honoring all 9 West Virginians who fought in World War II and all other military 10 conflicts and shall encourage all municipalities in the state to do 11 the same. The State Department of Education is directed to 12 implement a program involving activities in which students shall 13 participate which shall recognize the contributions West Virginians 14 have made to their country through service in the United States 15 Military.

(d) The Governor shall, by proclamation, declare March 30 as a special memorial day to be known as Vietnam Veteran Recognition B Day honoring all West Virginians who served in the United States Armed Forces in the Republic of Vietnam during the period beginning February 28, 1961 and ending May 7, 1975, and shall encourage all counties and municipalities in the state to do the same.

(e) The Governor shall, by proclamation, declare August 7 as a special memorial day, to be known as Purple Heart Recognition A Day, honoring all West Virginians who, while serving in the United

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1 States Armed Forces, have been wounded or killed in action and 2 shall encourage all municipalities and counties in the state to do 3 the same.

4 (f) The Governor shall, by proclamation, declare July 27 as a 5 special memorial day to be known as Korean War Veteran Recognition 6 Day honoring all West Virginians who served in the United States 7 Armed Forces in the Korean War, and shall encourage all counties 8 and municipalities in the state to do the same.

9 (g) The Governor shall, by proclamation, declare the first 10 Thursday in May as the West Virginia Day of Prayer. This date 11 corresponds with the National Day of Prayer, 36 U.S.C. §119, on 12 which the people of West Virginia may turn to God in prayer and 13 meditation at churches, in groups, and as individuals.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to make the first Thursday of May the West Virginia Day of Prayer.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.

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