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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
OCTOBER 1, 2018

A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating the 100th anniversary of the cessation of
2 hostilities of World War I, remembering the valor and
3 sacrifice of United States troops and noting their lasting
4 impact on military history and American culture.

5 WHEREAS, The United States entered World War I with a
6 declaration of war against Germany on April 6, 1917; and

7 WHEREAS, German naval attacks on merchant and supply ships in
8 a German-declared war zone around the British Isles had caused
9 American civilian and military casualties, violating American
10 neutrality; and

11 WHEREAS, Individuals of all races, ethnicities and creeds
12 came together to quickly mobilize and build the strength of the
13 military and forge a new American identity; and

14 WHEREAS, At the time of the declaration of war, 26 million
15 men of the 54 million men in the United States were either

1 registered for the draft or already serving in the military; and

2 WHEREAS, When the ceasefire and armistice took effect in
3 November 1918, approximately 24 million men had registered under
4 the Selective Service Act; and

5 WHEREAS, Of the nearly 4.8 million Americans who would serve
6 in the war, 2.8 million had been drafted; and

7 WHEREAS, The use of new weapons and technologies such as
8 aircraft and anti-aircraft artillery, tanks, motor transport,
9 aircraft carriers, chemical weapons, submarines and anti-
10 submarine weapons, underwater mines and sonar; and

11 WHEREAS, The American Expeditionary Forces fought in 13
12 distinct campaigns; and

13 WHEREAS, The war claimed the lives of more than 5 million
14 Allied troops; and

15 WHEREAS, Nearly 13 million Allied troops were wounded; and

16 WHEREAS, More the 36,000 casualties were Pennsylvanians; and

17 WHEREAS, Pennsylvanians produced more than half of the steel
18 used by the Allies and contributed more than \$3 billion to the
19 war effort through the sale of Liberty bonds and Victory bonds;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, On November 11, 1918, 19 months and five days after
22 the United States entered the war, Germany signed the armistice
23 agreement; therefore be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commemorate the
25 100th anniversary of the cessation of hostilities of World War
26 I, remember the valor and sacrifice of United States troops and
27 note their lasting impact on military history and American
28 culture; and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commend the
30 wartime acts of soldiers and civilians who preserved and

1 protected United States interests and call on all Pennsylvanians
2 at home and overseas to join in commemorating this centennial.