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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 12, 2004

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating November 11, 2004, as "Welcome Home Veterans Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, On November 11, 1918, the Germans signed the
4 Armistice which ordered cessation of hostilities of World War I;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, In November 1919, President Woodrow Wilson
7 proclaimed:

8 To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will
9 be filled with the solemn pride in the heroism of those
10 who died in the country's service and with gratitude for

1 the victory, both because of the thing from which it has
2 freed us and because of the opportunity it has given
3 America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in
4 the councils of the nation;

5 and

6 WHEREAS, In 1938, November 11 was declared a legal holiday,
7 "Armistice Day," in the United States to remember the sacrifices
8 made during World War I; and

9 WHEREAS, "Armistice Day" was declared to be a day dedicated
10 to the cause of world peace; and

11 WHEREAS, On May 24, 1954, the Congress of the United States
12 and President Dwight D. Eisenhower renamed the national holiday
13 "Veterans Day"; and

14 WHEREAS, In October 1954 President Eisenhower proclaimed:

15 On [Veterans Day] let us solemnly remember the sacrifices
16 of all those who fought so valiantly, on the seas, in the
17 air, and on foreign shores, to preserve our heritage of
18 freedom, and to reconsecrate ourselves to the task of
19 promoting an enduring peace so that their efforts shall
20 not have been made in vain;

21 and

22 WHEREAS, Americans have been observing "Veterans Day" on
23 November 11 by holding a moment of silent vigil at 11 a.m.,
24 staging parades and conducting ceremonies in remembrance of
25 those brave servicepersons who fought to preserve the freedom
26 and peace we enjoy; and

27 WHEREAS, We publicly commemorate the contributions of the
28 thousands of Pennsylvanians serving the nation at this time;
29 therefore be it

30 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate

1 November 11, 2004, as "Welcome Home Veterans Day" in
2 Pennsylvania in recognition of all Pennsylvania veterans who
3 have served during war and peace, encourage support and
4 gratitude for the sacrifice they have made for the common good
5 and urge all residents of this Commonwealth to welcome home the
6 men and women who have been serving abroad.