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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MARCH 8, 1999

A RESOLUTION

1 Observing the 100th anniversary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

2 WHEREAS, The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) has served the
3 interests of its members and all American veterans since the
4 original predecessor organizations were founded in 1899
5 following the Spanish-American War and the China Relief
6 Expedition; and

7 WHEREAS, The VFW was instrumental in winning the rights and
8 benefits to which veterans are now entitled, including the GI

1 bill of rights, which has helped generations of Americans to
2 afford higher education; and

3 WHEREAS, The VFW is currently organized into approximately
4 10,500 posts with 2.1 million members in every state and
5 territory in the United States, including 630 posts with 160,000
6 members in Pennsylvania; and

7 WHEREAS, The VFW's slogan, "Honor the Dead by Helping the
8 Living," epitomizes the organization's record of service to the
9 community through "Buddy Poppy Day," many youth activities,
10 educational programs and the Voice of Democracy Scholarship
11 Program; and

12 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania has played a pivotal role in the
13 development of the VFW, with three of the founding groups
14 located in Pittsburgh, Altoona and Philadelphia; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
16 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania congratulates the VFW on its 100th
17 anniversary; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
19 the Veterans of Foreign Wars.