

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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WOZNIAK, OCTOBER 1, 2002

REFERRED TO MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, OCTOBER 1, 2002

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring all Pennsylvania veterans who served during war and
2 peace on the occasion of Veterans Day, November 11, 2002.

3 WHEREAS, In 1918, on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day in
4 the eleventh month, the world rejoiced and celebrated because
5 after four years of bitter war an armistice was signed that
6 declared the "war to end all wars" over; and

7 WHEREAS, November 11 was set aside as Armistice Day in the
8 United States to remember the sacrifices men and women made
9 during the war in order to ensure a lasting peace; and

10 WHEREAS, On Armistice Day, soldiers who survived the war
11 marched in a parade through their hometowns and politicians,
12 public officials and veteran officers gave speeches and held
13 ceremonies of thanks for the peace they had won; and

14 WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States voted Armistice
15 Day a legal holiday in 1938, but Americans realized that the

1 previous war would not be the last one; and

2 WHEREAS, World War II began the following year, and nations
3 great and small again participated in a bloody struggle; and

4 WHEREAS, After World War II, Armistice Day continued to be
5 observed on November 11; and

6 WHEREAS, In 1953 townspeople in Emporia, Kansas, called the
7 holiday "Veterans Day" in gratitude to the veterans in their
8 town; and

9 WHEREAS, Soon after, Congress passed a bill renaming the
10 national holiday as Veterans Day; and

11 WHEREAS, Americans still give thanks to veterans for their
12 service on Veterans Day with ceremonies and speeches, and at
13 11:00 a.m. many Americans observe a moment of silence in
14 remembrance of those who fought and for those who gave their
15 lives to preserve the freedoms we now enjoy; therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the Senate honor all Pennsylvania veterans who
17 served during war and peace on the occasion of Veterans Day,
18 November 11, 2002.