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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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OCTOBER 18, 2004

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring all Pennsylvania veterans who served during war and  
2 peace on the occasion of Veterans Day, November 11, 2004.

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

1 marched in a parade through their hometowns and politicians,  
2 public officials and veteran officers gave speeches and held  
3 ceremonies of thanks for the peace they had won; and

4 WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States voted Armistice  
5 Day a legal holiday in 1938, but Americans realized that the  
6 previous war would not be the last one; and

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

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

11 WHEREAS, In 1953 townspeople in Emporia, Kansas, called the  
12 holiday "Veterans Day" in gratitude to the veterans in their  
13 town; and

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

16 WHEREAS, Americans still give thanks to veterans for their  
17 service on Veterans Day with ceremonies and speeches, and at  
18 11:00 a.m. many Americans observe a moment of silence in  
19 remembrance of those who fought and for those who gave their  
20 lives to preserve the freedoms we now enjoy; therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor all  
22 Pennsylvania veterans who served during war and peace on the  
23 occasion of Veterans Day, November 11, 2004, and honor the men  
24 and women who currently serve in our Armed Forces at home and  
25 abroad in America's war on terrorism; and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage our  
27 communities to participate in Veterans Day ceremonies across  
28 this Commonwealth in recognition of those who have served our  
29 country and Commonwealth in the past and those who continue to  
30 serve our country in its current time of need.