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A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating the 100th anniversary of the cessation of
2 hostilities of World War I, and recognizing and honoring the
3 historical significance and valorous service and sacrifice of
4 the United States Armed Forces.

5 WHEREAS, The United States entered World War I with a
6 declaration of war against Germany on April 6, 1917, in response
7 to German maritime aggression, including the sinking of merchant
8 and supply ships, resulting in American civilian and military
9 casualties, thus violating American neutrality; and

10 WHEREAS, Twenty-six million men of the 54 million men in the
11 United States were either registered for the draft or in
12 service; and

13 WHEREAS, The need to quickly build the strength of the
14 military resulted in a total of 4.8 million men serving during
15 the conflict, during which individuals of all races, ethnicities
16 and creeds came together to forge a new American identity; and

17 WHEREAS, World War I forever changed the course of warfare

1 due to the development of new technologies, including aviation,
2 tanks, anti-aircraft artillery, motor transport, aircraft
3 carriers, chemical weapons, submarines and anti-submarine
4 warfare, underwater mines and sonar; and

5 WHEREAS, The American Expeditionary Forces fought in 13
6 distinct campaigns during World War I and suffered 244,000
7 casualties, more than 36,000 of those being Pennsylvanians; and

8 WHEREAS, Pennsylvanians alone purchased more than \$3 billion
9 for the war effort through the sale of Victory and Liberty
10 Bonds, and produced more than half of the steel used by the
11 Allies during the war; and

12 WHEREAS, Nineteen months and five days following the entry of
13 the United States into the war, Germany signed an armistice
14 agreement on November 11, 1918; and

15 WHEREAS, World War I claimed the lives of more than 5 million
16 Allied soldiers, with nearly 13 million wounded; therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the Senate commemorate the 100th anniversary
18 of the cessation of hostilities of World War I, and recognize
19 and honor the historical significance and valorous service and
20 sacrifice of the United States Armed Forces; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the Senate honor the memory of those members
22 of the United States Armed Forces who fell in the course of
23 service to the United States; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That the Senate commend the United States Armed
25 Forces for their gallant service during World War I, recognizing
26 the contribution their actions made to preserve and protect the
27 interests of the United States; and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That the Senate call upon all residents of this
29 Commonwealth to join in the commemoration of the centennial of
30 the end of World War I, be they at home or overseas.