
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 105 Session of
2019

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MARCH 1, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating the 100th anniversary of The American Legion, and
2 recognizing and honoring the legacy of The American Legion as
3 a staunch advocate for veterans and their families.

4 WHEREAS, The American Legion came to life in Paris, France,
5 beginning on March 15, 1919, when war-weary members of the
6 American Expeditionary Forces who had fought in World War I
7 gathered for what became known as the Paris Caucus; and

8 WHEREAS, As the members continued to meet and the months
9 progressed, they thought about how to support their wounded
10 comrades, honor the fallen, assist surviving spouses and
11 orphans, protect the democracy they pledged their lives to
12 defend and chart a new course for future generations of
13 Americans; and

14 WHEREAS, They saw their vision become a reality when on

1 September 16, 1919, the American Legion was chartered by
2 Congress as a patriotic veterans organization focusing on
3 service to veterans, service members and communities; and

4 WHEREAS, The American Legion was founded on the four pillars
5 of: care for veterans, a strong national defense, Americanism
6 and children and youth; and

7 WHEREAS, The American Legion has played a leading role in
8 initiatives and breakthroughs that have affected the lives of
9 Americans in every community from creating the United States
10 Flag Code, helping start the Veterans Administration, drafting
11 and getting passed the GI Bill and helping veterans receive
12 benefits for health-care conditions based on their honorable
13 service; and

14 WHEREAS, The American Legion has nearly 3,000 accredited
15 service officers worldwide, who assist veterans with their
16 benefits claims and other concerns; and

17 WHEREAS, The national membership stands at over 2 million
18 with over 200,000 Legionnaires from Pennsylvania; therefore be
19 it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commemorate the
21 100th anniversary of The American Legion, and recognize and
22 honor the historical significance and valorous service and
23 sacrifice of the United States Armed Forces; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the legacy
25 of The American Legion as a staunch advocate for veterans and
26 their families; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commend The
28 American Legion for their service to veterans for the past 100
29 years as well as their continuous service as they begin their
30 second century; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives call upon each
2 resident of this Commonwealth to join in the commemoration of
3 the centennial of The American Legion on March 15, 2019.