

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 37

Reps. Bollin, Mueller, Schroeder, Vaupel, Yaroch, Eisen, Hoitenga, Alexander, Markkanen, Berman, Wakeman, Reilly, Howell, Tate, Stone, Warren, Lightner, Leutheuser, Elder, Griffin, Kahle, Manoogian and Kuppa offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the
2 American Legion.

3 Whereas, From March 15th through the 17th in 1919, a group of
4 American World War I Doughboys gathered in Paris, France to discuss
5 the ways to serve their country on the home front. At those
6 meetings, the American Legion was born; and

7 Whereas, Since 1919, the American Legion has been dedicated to
8 the perpetuation of America's core values of freedom, justice,
9 equality, respect for all people regardless of ethnic group or

1 gender, and reverence for cherished American traditions such as
2 honoring the flag of the United States; and

3 Whereas, For over 200 years, millions of Americans have
4 answered our nation's call to defend our freedoms and our
5 democratic form of government against all enemies; and

6 Whereas, Such service has required sacrifice, hardship,
7 endurance, dedication, bravery, courage, and the highest level of
8 patriotism. Those who have served our country deserve special
9 attention as freedom is not free and these are the men and women
10 who paid for the freedom all of us enjoy today; and

11 Whereas, In the past 100 years, the American Legion and its
12 members have made considerable contributions to our country as an
13 advocate for traditional American values, veterans' rights and
14 benefits, a strong national defense, and honoring the memory of
15 those whose sacrifices preserved our freedom; and

16 Whereas, So many good things can be traced to the service of
17 the 3 million members of the American Legion family, including the
18 GI Bill, creation of a cabinet level Department of Veterans
19 Affairs, and the national movement to return to the people the
20 right to protect the U.S. flag from physical desecration; and

21 Whereas, We must never forget the debt we owe these men and
22 women and we must also never take for granted the unselfish
23 sacrifices they made to protect the freedom and liberty we enjoy
24 today; now, therefore, be it

25 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
26 this legislative body commemorate the 100th anniversary of the
27 American Legion. We honor America's 19.8 million veterans and call
28 upon the citizens of Michigan to recognize this momentous occasion;
29 and be it further

1 Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the
2 American Legion as evidence of our highest esteem.