

A RESOLUTION honoring the 100th Anniversary of Armistice Day.

WHEREAS, November 11, 2018 marks the centennial of the end of World War I at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month of 1918; and

WHEREAS, on November 11, 1918, world leaders signed the Armistice ending World War I and its four years of bloody conflict, bringing the most terrible war the world had ever known to an end; and

WHEREAS, when President Woodrow Wilson asked for a declaration of war against Germany in April 1917, he declared that “the world must be made safe for democracy” and more than two million American soldiers fought for that ideal on the battlefields of Europe; and

WHEREAS, although it has been called The Great War, and the War to End All Wars, the cost was great and included 52,947 dead and more than 200,000 wounded Americans; and

WHEREAS, after more than four years of horrific fighting and the loss of millions of lives, the guns on the Western Front fell silent. Although fighting continued elsewhere, the armistice between Germany and the Allies was the first step to ending World War I. The global reaction was one of mixed emotions; relief, celebration, disbelief, and a profound sense of loss;

WHEREAS, in 1938, the United States Congress declared the 11th of November in each year a legal holiday to be dedicated to the cause of world peace celebrated as “Armistice Day” to honor veterans of World War I; and

WHEREAS, in 1954, Congress recognized the American Armed Forces that fought bravely in World War II and during the aggression in Korea and honored them by changing “Armistice Day” to “Veterans Day”; and

WHEREAS, the Interim Joint Committee on Veterans, Military Affairs, and Public Protection recognizes the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day as a celebration intended to honor those who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States of America for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the Interim Joint Committee on Veterans, Military Affairs and Public Protection:

Section 1. The members of the Interim Joint Committee on Veterans, Military Affairs and Public Protection honor and remember the many brave men and women who gave their lives in this most terrible conflict, and express their gratitude to all who served to protect the freedoms and ideals of democracy.