

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, Kuppa, Cherry, Crawford, Jones, Lasinski, Rendon, Shannon, Sneller, Sowerby, Wittenberg, Witwer, Afendoulis, Allor, Bellino, Bolden, Bryd, Tyrone Carter, Coleman, Ellison, Filler, Frederick, Garrett, Garza, Gay-Dagnogo, Green, Haadsma, Hall, Hope, Cynthia Johnson, Koleszar, LaFave, Maddock, Marino, Meerman, Miller, O'Malley, Paquette, Peterson, Pohutsky, Rabhi, Robinson, Sabo, Slagh, VanWoerkom, Wendzel, Wentworth, Whiteford, Whitsett, Wozniak and Yancey offered the following resolution:

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



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

5 Whereas, Since 1919, the American Legion has been dedicated to
6 the perpetuation of America's core values of freedom, justice,
7 equality, respect for all people regardless of ethnic group or
8 gender, and reverence for cherished American traditions such as
9 honoring the flag of the United States; and

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

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

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

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

28 Whereas, We must never forget the debt we owe these men and
29 women and we must also never take for granted the unselfish

1 sacrifices they made to protect the freedom and liberty we enjoy
2 today; now, therefore, be it

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

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