

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, Byrd, Tyrone Carter, Coleman, Ellison, Filler, Frederick, Garrett, Garza, Gay-Dagnogo, Green, Cynthia Johnson, Haadsma, Hall, Hope, 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:

House Resolution No. 37.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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