

2018 Third Extraordinary Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 10

BY REPRESENTATIVES EDMONDS AND FOIL

A RESOLUTION

To commend the sacrifices of Louisiana veterans made during World War I and to urge and request the offices of Louisiana state government to honor those veterans on November 11, 2018.

WHEREAS, the First World War commenced in 1914 involving nations from around the globe; and

WHEREAS, the United States of America was a reluctant participant and entered the war in 1917; and

WHEREAS, the armed forces of the United States demonstrated extraordinary gallantry and tenacity in the defeat of the enemy and exhibited this nation's emergence as a world power; and

WHEREAS, the enemy capitulated and all sides agreed to an armistice to begin at 11:11 a.m., November 11, 1918; and

WHEREAS, the war resulted in nearly 18 million deaths, both military and civilian; and

WHEREAS, nearly 117,000 American lives were lost in the war, of which nearly 1,500 were from Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, in a span of about one year, 319 of Louisianians were killed in action, with an additional 1,155 deaths from wounds, disease, and other causes. For perspective, 887 of her sons were lost during service in the Vietnam War from 1965-1972; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion was created by veterans of World War I and its members constructed and dedicated Memorial Tower on the campus of Louisiana State University in 1926 as a reminder of Louisiana's lost sons and daughters from that war; and

WHEREAS, November 11, 2018, marks the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day, now known as Veterans Day, marking the end of hostilities of World War I. With little doubt, WWI was the single most transformative event of the 20th century. It changed the world, and it changed Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby honor the sacrifices of Louisiana's veterans from World War I, and urges and requests the offices of state government to honor those veterans on November 11, 2018.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day, now known as Veterans Day, is an occasion to remember and honor the sacrifices of the men and women who have served Louisiana and the nation throughout its history. It is a time to pause, reflect, and rededicate ourselves to the cause of peace by remembering the costs of freedom and peace.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES