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SYNOPSIS

Commemorates 100th anniversary of Armistice during World War I.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 **A JOINT RESOLUTION** commemorating the 100th anniversary of the
2 Armistice during World War I.
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4 **WHEREAS**, The year 2018 marked the 100th anniversary of the signing
5 of the Armistice with Germany leading to a ceasefire during World
6 War I; and
7 **WHEREAS**, On April 6, 1917, the United States entered World War I,
8 which begun in 1914, by declaring war against Germany; and
9 **WHEREAS**, The United States associated itself with the Allied powers
10 of the United Kingdom, France, Russia, Italy, and Japan to defeat
11 the German Empire; and
12 **WHEREAS**, More than four million Americans served in uniform
13 during World War I, including two million American soldiers
14 whom served overseas during the war; and
15 **WHEREAS**, The United States experienced the loss of nearly 117,000
16 Americans as a result of World War I, including more than 3,400 of
17 the 140,000 New Jerseyans whom served in the war; and
18 **WHEREAS**, Fort Dix, formerly Camp Dix, located in Burlington
19 County, was one of 38 training camps throughout the State created
20 or enhanced to mobilize, train, and demobilize soldiers for World
21 War I; and
22 **WHEREAS**, Along with soldiers and training facilities, New Jersey
23 contributed to the Allied victory through the production of wartime
24 materials from many New Jersey manufacturers; and
25 **WHEREAS**, On July 2, 1921, the “Knox-Porter Resolution” was signed
26 in Raritan, New Jersey, by President Warren Harding, officially
27 ratifying the Treaty of Versailles and formally ending America’s
28 involvement in World War I; and
29 **WHEREAS**, In 2018, the Cornelius Low House in Piscataway, New
30 Jersey commemorated the centennial of the United States entry in
31 World War I with an exhibit titled “Over There, Over Here: New
32 Jersey During World War I,” which focused on stories of New
33 Jerseyans and the affect the war had on those at home and aboard;
34 and
35 **WHEREAS**, The centennial of this historical event offers the State a
36 unique opportunity to join governmental, private, and public
37 entities throughout the State to recognize the people, places, and
38 events central to World War I that indelibly shaped the world we
39 live in today, particularly as they relate to New Jersey; and
40 **WHEREAS**, The 100th anniversary of the Armistice during World War
41 I is an ideal opportunity to educate New Jerseyans about an
42 experience that cost more American lives than the Korean War and
43 Vietnam conflict combined; and
44 **WHEREAS**, New Jersey’s commemoration of the 100th anniversary of
45 the Armistice during World War I will illustrate the State’s
46 recognition and appreciation of the lasting historical significance of
47 World War I in shaping the social, military, and political fabric of

1 the 20th century and the heroism and sacrifices of the United States
2 Armed Forces during the war; now, therefore,

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4 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*
5 *State of New Jersey:*

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7 1. The Governor and the Legislature of the State of New Jersey
8 commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Armistice during World
9 War I.

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11 2. The Governor is respectfully requested to issue a
12 proclamation commemorating the 100th anniversary of the
13 Armistice during World War I.

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15 3. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.

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18 STATEMENT

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20 This joint resolution commemorates the 100th anniversary of the
21 Armistice during World War I. On April 6, 1917, the United States
22 declared war against the German Empire and entered World War I.
23 Nineteen months later, on November 11, 1918, an Armistice with
24 Germany was signed, which lead to a cessation of hostilities among
25 the Allied powers and Germany. The year 2018 marked the 100th
26 anniversary of the Armistice and the ceasefire during World War I.

27 The centennial of this historical event offers the State a unique
28 opportunity to not only recognize the people, places, and events
29 central to World War I, but also an opportunity to highlight the
30 contributions of New Jerseyans in supporting the United States war
31 efforts. The State supported the United States in various ways
32 including, the creation or enhancement of vital military training
33 camps throughout the State, the production of wartime materials
34 from many New Jersey manufacturers, and the signing of the
35 “Knox-Porter Resolution” in Raritan, New Jersey on July 2, 1921,
36 by President Warren Harding, which officially ratified the Treaty of
37 Versailles and formally ended American’s involvement in World
38 War I.

39 Therefore, to demonstrate New Jersey’s commitment to honoring
40 the heroism and sacrifices of the United States Armed Forces,
41 including constituents of this State, the 100th anniversary of the
42 Armistice during World War I should be commemorated.