

Reps. Cochran, Albert, Allor, Barrett, Faris, Greig, Kelly, Liberati, Maturen, Phelps and Sneller offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 414.

A resolution to commemorate the centennial of the end of World War I.

Whereas, November 11, 2018, is the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice of November 11, 1918; and

Whereas, In 1918, on the 11th day, in the 11th month, at the 11th hour, the Allies and Central Powers agreed to a cease fire that would mark the end of World War I; and

Whereas, During the First World War, Michigan contributed over 135,000 service men and women and suffered over 5,000 casualties; and

Whereas, Michigan provided several volunteer units of their own, as well as the many volunteers and draftees who served in the Regular, National Guard, and National Army formations; and

Whereas, Although Michigan's service men and women greatly contributed to the war effort, Michigan's largest contributions were its engineering and manufacturing capabilities; and

Whereas, The war ended before Michigan reached the peak of production. However, twenty years later, Michigan would show the world its true power and become the "Arsenal of Democracy"; and

Whereas, With the help of Detroit City Councilman, Detroit Mayor, and Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Eugene I. Van Antwerp, Congress approved Armistice Day to be a national holiday in 1938 and be dedicated to the cause of world peace; and

Whereas; November 11 is commemorated annually in many countries under various names such as Armistice Day, Remembrance Day, Veterans Day, and in Poland as Independence Day; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body commemorate the centennial of the end of World War I. We recognize the 100th anniversary of the Armistice of November 11, 1918, in remembrance of the courage and bravery of those who stood against tyranny and oppression; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Michigan World War I Centennial Commission, as evidence of our esteem for helping educate the public on Michigan's history during the Great War Years.