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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 170 Session of  
2023

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INTRODUCED BY ROTHMAN, PENNYCUICK, HUGHES, HAYWOOD, BROOKS,  
CAPPELLETTI, LANGERHOLC, MARTIN, ROBINSON, HUTCHINSON,  
BARTOLOTTA, LAUGHLIN, STEFANO, PHILLIPS-HILL, J. WARD, COSTA,  
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DISANTO, K. WARD, BAKER, ARGALL, COLEMAN, CULVER, BROWN,  
REGAN AND MASTRIANO, SEPTEMBER 28, 2023

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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, SEPTEMBER 28, 2023

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A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring all Pennsylvania veterans who served during war and  
2 peace on the occasion of "Veterans Day," November 11, 2023.

3 WHEREAS, In 1918, on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day in  
4 the eleventh month, the world rejoiced and celebrated because  
5 after four years of bitter war, an armistice was signed that  
6 declared the "war to end all wars" over; and

7 WHEREAS, November 11 was set aside as "Armistice Day" in the  
8 United States to remember the sacrifices men and women made  
9 during World War I in order to ensure a lasting peace; and

10 WHEREAS, On "Armistice Day," soldiers who survived the war  
11 marched in parades through their hometowns, and politicians,  
12 public officials and veteran officers gave speeches and held  
13 ceremonies of thanks for the peace they had won; and

14 WHEREAS, The United States Congress voted "Armistice Day" a  
15 legal holiday in 1938, but Americans realized that the previous  
16 war would not be the last one; and

1       WHEREAS, World War II began the following year, and nations  
2 great and small again participated in a bloody struggle; and

3       WHEREAS, After World War II, "Armistice Day" continued to be  
4 observed on November 11; and

5       WHEREAS, In 1953, townspeople in Emporia, Kansas, called the  
6 holiday, "Veterans Day" in gratitude to the veterans in their  
7 town; and

8       WHEREAS, Soon after, the Congress of the United States passed  
9 a bill renaming the national holiday as "Veterans Day"; and

10       WHEREAS, Americans still give thanks to veterans for their  
11 service on "Veterans Day" with ceremonies and speeches, and at  
12 11 a.m., many Americans observe a moment of silence in  
13 remembrance of those who fought and for those who gave their  
14 lives to preserve the freedoms we now enjoy; therefore be it

15       RESOLVED, That the Senate honor all Pennsylvania veterans who  
16 served during war and peace on the occasion of "Veterans Day,"  
17 November 11, 2023; and be it further

18       RESOLVED, That the Senate encourage communities to  
19 participate in "Veterans Day" ceremonies across this  
20 Commonwealth in recognition of the approximately 719,233 current  
21 Pennsylvania residents who have served in the armed forces to  
22 protect the United States and this Commonwealth during our  
23 greatest times of need.