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H. CON. RES. 227

Expressing the sense of the Congress that special recognition should be given to the observance of Veterans Day on November 11, 1999, the last Veterans Day of the 20th century, as an opportunity to promote greater appreciation, especially among children, of the sacrifices made by America's veterans.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SWEENEY submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress that special recognition should be given to the observance of Veterans Day on November 11, 1999, the last Veterans Day of the 20th century, as an opportunity to promote greater appreciation, especially among children, of the sacrifices made by America's veterans.

Whereas Veterans Day, formerly known as Armistice Day, was first proclaimed by President Woodrow Wilson in 1919 to commemorate the November 11, 1918, armistice between the Allies and Central Powers that ended the fighting of World War I;

Whereas each year, at 11:00 a.m. on November 11th, the Nation pays tribute to its war dead with a combined color

guard representing all military services that executes “Present Arms” at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery;

Whereas more than 700,000 brave Americans have sacrificed their lives while serving in the Nation’s Armed Forces so that the Nation’s children may continue to live in a country founded on the principles of freedom, justice, and democracy;

Whereas there are more than 25,000,000 United States veterans living today;

Whereas November 11, 1999, will be the last Veterans Day of the 20th century;

Whereas as America enters a new millennium, it is important to preserve the memory of the Nation’s veterans and to teach the next generations of the sacrifice of those veterans in securing and preserving the freedom that all Americans enjoy today;

Whereas children throughout the Nation would benefit from an education that places greater emphasis on the role of members of the Armed Forces in shaping the history of the United States; and

Whereas such an education would foster a patriotic appreciation of the sacrifices made by America’s veterans in defending freedom and democracy: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
- 2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of the Congress that—
- 3 (1) there will be one final time this century on
- 4 which the Nation will give special recognition to the

1 contributions of its veterans in defending freedom
2 and democracy;

3 (2) the Nation should use that occasion, and
4 other appropriate occasions, to make a greater effort
5 to educate children on the contributions of veterans
6 in defending the freedoms the Nation enjoys so that
7 the memory of those contributions will be preserved
8 into the 21st century; and

9 (3) it is the hope of the Congress that the new
10 millennium will bring with it a diminished need to
11 sacrifice the lives of young Americans in the cause
12 of securing and preserving freedom.

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