

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 35—SENATORS JACOBSEN, AMODEI, CARE, CARLTON, COFFIN, JAMES, MATHEWS, MCGINNESS, NEAL, O’CONNELL, O’DONNELL, PORTER, RAGGIO, RAWSON, RHOADS, SCHNEIDER, SHAFFER, TITUS, TOWNSEND, WASHINGTON AND WIENER

APRIL 28, 1999

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Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Recognizes 100th anniversary of Veterans of Foreign Wars of United States. (BDR R-1697)

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EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ~~[omitted material]~~ is material to be omitted.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Recognizing the 100th anniversary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

- 1 WHEREAS, The United States of America, born in the fires of a
- 2 revolution and tempered by civil wars and foreign conflicts, today
- 3 embodies the highest ideals of freedom and democracy; and
- 4 WHEREAS, For over 200 years, millions of Americans have answered
- 5 our nation’s call to defend our freedoms and our democratic form of
- 6 government against all enemies; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Such service has required sacrifice, hardship, endurance,
- 8 dedication, bravery, courage and the highest level of patriotism, and those
- 9 who have served our country deserve special attention; and

1 WHEREAS, In 1899, the veterans of the Spanish-American War and the
2 Philippine Insurrection founded local organizations to secure the rights and
3 benefits afforded to all veterans for their service to this country; and

4 WHEREAS, These local organizations merged, creating the Veterans of
5 Foreign Wars of the United States, commonly known as VFW, and the
6 Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW; and

7 WHEREAS, Today there are more than 10,000 VFW Posts worldwide
8 with over two million members whose motto is, "We'd do anything for this
9 country"; and

10 WHEREAS, The VFW assists veterans and their families by providing
11 information concerning federal, state and local government programs,
12 fighting for job rights, educational benefits and improved medical care, and
13 through such programs as the VFW Citizenship Education program, the
14 VFW National Security and Foreign Affairs program and the VFW
15 National Home for Veterans' Children; and

16 WHEREAS, The VFW's commitment to youth is evidenced through its
17 support of various youth organizations and its Voice of Democracy
18 Scholarship program which annually provides over \$2 million in
19 scholarships to high school students; and

20 WHEREAS, The VFW provides veterans and their families the
21 opportunity to take part in building a better America through such
22 community service projects as fund raisers for the sick and homeless,
23 carnivals for children, disaster relief, support for local schools, erecting
24 military memorials, placing flags on veterans' graves, volunteering in
25 veterans' hospitals and caring for the elderly, to name a few; and

26 WHEREAS, For 100 years, the VFW has continued to grow in strength,
27 power and influence, and today ranks as the 16th most powerful
28 membership organization in the country in getting things done for its
29 members and for the nation, a distinction which also identifies the VFW as
30 being the nation's leading organization for its veterans; now, therefore, be it

31 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY
32 CONCURRING, That the members of the 70th session of the Nevada
33 Legislature hereby recognize the 100th anniversary of the Veterans of
34 Foreign Wars of the United States; and be it further

35 RESOLVED, That the men and women who paid for the freedom all of us
36 enjoy today are commended for their service, dedication and commitment
37 to this country and their fellow man; and be it further

38 RESOLVED, That the schools, businesses, churches, civic organizations
39 and residents of the State of Nevada are hereby urged to proudly display
40 the flag of the United States of America and to participate in programs
41 honoring the Veterans of Foreign Wars and all 26 million veterans of the
42 United States military; and be it further

- 1 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy
- 2 of this resolution to the VFW State Commander.

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