

## 1999 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 19

February 11, 1999 – Introduced by Representatives MUSSER, RYBA, OWENS, KLUSMAN, KREUSER, KESTELL, HUEBSCH, PETTIS, SCHOOFF, MILLER, WARD, BOCK, BALOW, POCAN, LADWIG, SPILLNER, KELSO, PORTER, HAHN, TURNER, J. LEHMAN, STASKUNAS, COLON, KEDZIE, ALBERS, HANDRICK, BRANDEMUEHL, GOETSCH, FREESE, MONTGOMERY, HASENOHRL and GRONEMUS, cosponsored by Senators MOEN, RUDE, DRZEWIECKI, FITZGERALD, PLACHE, ZIEN, DARLING, COWLES, ROSENZWEIG, ROESSLER, SCHULTZ and WIRCH. Referred to Calendar.

1     **Relating to:** commemorating the achievements and contributions of the Veterans  
2           of Foreign Wars of the United States of America on the occasion of its  
3           centennial.

4           Whereas, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States of America traces  
5     its roots back to 1899, when veterans of the Spanish–American War banded together  
6     and formed organizations, that would become what is known as the Veterans of  
7     Foreign Wars of the United States of America, to help fellow veterans secure pension  
8     rights and other benefits for those who served their country; and

9           Whereas, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States of America was  
10   officially incorporated in the District of Columbia in 1914 and by Congressional  
11   Charter on May 28, 1936; and

12           Whereas, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of the great state of  
13   Wisconsin called to order its first organizational meeting on June 6, 1921, and has  
14   since provided dedicated service to Wisconsin veterans, their families and our  
15   communities; and

1           Whereas, today the 2,000,000 members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the  
2 United States of America continue its proud heritage by providing assistance to  
3 veterans and their families in obtaining entitlements and benefits, advocating  
4 legislation on behalf of veterans and serving the needs of our country; and

5           Whereas, service projects of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States  
6 of America community contribute more than 14,000,000 hours of volunteer service  
7 each year to benefit veterans hospitals, youth programs, patriotic endeavors,  
8 environmental efforts, safety instruction and thousands of local community  
9 activities, and provide more than \$2,700,000 in college scholarships, awards and  
10 other incentives to high school students across the nation; and

11           Whereas, today the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States of America  
12 is the nation's oldest major veterans organization and continues to fulfill the  
13 commitment adopted by its founders in 1899: "Honor the Dead By Helping the  
14 Living"; and

15           Whereas, the members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States of  
16 America are individuals blessed with uncommon courage, integrity, valor and honor,  
17 who made a personal commitment to our country; now, therefore, be it

18           ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the members of the  
19 Wisconsin legislature salute the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States of  
20 America for 100 years of service to our country, to the comrades of the veterans and  
21 to their families, and to our communities; and, be it further

22           ***Resolved, That*** the assembly chief clerk shall transmit a copy of this joint  
23 resolution to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of the great state of  
24 Wisconsin.

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(END)