

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6017

A RESOLUTION honoring the 100th anniversary of the American Legion and its posts and members in Kansas.

WHEREAS, For the past 100 years, American Legion posts have been outstanding community-service organizations in Kansas; and

WHEREAS, On March 15, 1919, American service members serving in the American Expeditionary Force during World War I founded the American Legion in Paris, France, as an organization to serve veterans, service members, and communities. On September 16, 1919, the American Legion was then chartered by the U.S. Congress; and

WHEREAS, On August 9, 1921, the Legion's efforts resulted in the creation of the U.S. Veterans Bureau, the forerunner of the Veterans Administration; and

WHEREAS, On December 15, 1943, Past National Commander Harry W. Colmery wrote a draft that would become the G.I. Bill of Rights, one of the Legion's greatest legislative achievements; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion played a leading and crucial role in the drafting and passing of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, otherwise known as the G.I. Bill; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion has influenced national change, won hundreds of benefits for veterans, and created many programs for children and youth; and

WHEREAS, In Kansas, the American Legion has over 40,000 members in more than 500 posts, units, and squadrons; and

WHEREAS, Posts and members in Kansas promote a variety of programs that support the American Legion's goals of mentoring youth, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting national security, and continuing devotion to fellow service members and veterans; and

WHEREAS, Recognizing the special role that the American Legion posts and members in Kansas play in supporting Kansas veterans, the Governor of Kansas designated March 15, 2019, as Kansas American Legion Day; and

WHEREAS, There is no doubt that the American Legion posts and members in Kansas will continue to support Kansas veterans, service members, and communities for the next 100 years: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:
That we honor the American Legion posts and members for their 100 years of service and dedication to Kansans.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the HOUSE, and was adopted by that body

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.