

No. R-163. House concurrent resolution congratulating American Legion Post 13 in Bennington on its 100th anniversary.

(H.C.R.137)

Offered by: Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Bates of Bennington, Carroll of Bennington, and Corcoran of Bennington

Offered by: Senators Campion and Sears

Whereas, in the aftermath of the 1918 armistice that ended World War I, a group of American soldiers gathered for two meetings in Paris during March of 1919, where they established an organization of veterans, tentatively named the American Legion, and

Whereas, deliberations continued in May 1919 in St. Louis, Missouri, and when the contours of the organization were formalized, they included its four pillars: care for veterans, a strong national defense, Americanism, and children and youth, and

Whereas, on September 16, 1919, the original American Legion Act, which chartered the organization, was federally enacted, and

Whereas, as these national organizational activities were occurring, local American Legion posts began to form, and

Whereas, one of these was what has become American Legion Post 13 in Bennington, which began in September 1919 when several servicemen met at the Bennington Club and elected temporary officers, and

Whereas, in November 1919, a second meeting was held in the Grand Army of the Republic rooms, and the gathered veterans elected as their permanent officers Commander Denley, Vice Commander Sibley, Adjutant Stewart, Treasurer Remington, and Historian Baechen, and

Whereas, during the past century, American Legion Post 13 has participated in numerous activities, including awarding scholarships, sponsoring the Boy Scouts and American Legion baseball, supporting the American Legion's National Emergency Fund, offering troop and family support services, and assisting with health benefits for veterans, and

Whereas, 2019 marks one hundred years since American Legion Post 13 was established, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates American Legion Post 13 in Bennington on its 100th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to American Legion Post 13 Commander Thomas Stone in Bennington.