

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2017-4641, by Representative Shea

1 WHEREAS, Upon entering WWI in April 1917, the U.S. had thousands
2 of Americans answer the call to arms and leave for the green fields
3 and muddy trenches of France, while others served in military
4 facilities throughout the states and in the territories; and

5 WHEREAS, Out of the 60,617 officers and enlisted men from
6 Washington who served in WWI, 1,642 did not come home alive; some
7 were killed in action, some died from wounds received in action, and
8 others died of influenza and pneumonia that was spreading through
9 Europe; and

10 WHEREAS, WWI was supposed to be the "war to end all wars";
11 unfortunately, that was not the case; and

12 WHEREAS, WWI introduced ordinary Americans to a broader
13 geopolitical view of the world and at the same time the world was
14 introduced to a people who transcended borders to extend the hope of
15 freedom and aid in the release from tyranny; and

16 WHEREAS, Let us remember the great sacrifices made by
17 Washington's WWI veterans and reflect on the purpose for which they
18 sacrificed; our WWI veterans risked their lives for a reason, they
19 risked their lives for life itself, and may God rest their souls;

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives
21 honor the Washingtonians who served in WWI, acknowledge their

1 contribution to our nation, and remember their great sacrifices on
2 the 100th anniversary of the U.S.'s entry into WWI.

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