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A RESOLUTION honoring the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) on the occasion of its 100th anniversary.

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Whereas, The freedoms we enjoy as citizens of the greatest nation in the world were won in a revolution, tested in a civil war, and defended time and time again against foreign aggressors who threaten this freedom;

Whereas, These freedoms were not easily won nor are they defended without great sacrifice;

Whereas, Millions of Americans have answered the call to service to defend our great nation against its enemies in order to maintain our freedom and democratic form of government;

Whereas, The men and women who answer this call to service endure hardship and sacrifice and display tremendous dedication, bravery, courage, and the highest level of patriotism in the performance of their duties;

Whereas, The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) was established to help these men and women;

Whereas, The VFW was founded in 1899 by veterans of the Spanish-American War;

Whereas, The VFW is dedicated to serving the needs and interests of America's 26 million veterans;

Whereas, Today the VFW has more than 10,000 posts worldwide and over two million members;

Whereas, The VFW provides a wide variety of services to veterans and their families through various programs and activities such as the Voice of Democracy, which is a college scholarship program that annually provides more than \$2.7 million to U.S. high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors; Operation Uplift that has provided more than 662,650 minutes of free long distance phone service to active duty military personnel; the National Disaster Relief Fund that has provided more than \$1 million since 1964 to victims of national disasters; and the Buddy Program which annually raises more than \$15 million to be used for veterans service programs, needy veterans, and the VFW National Home; and



Whereas, From the battlefield to the homefront, the VFW supports those who support America: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

||| SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives wishes to
||| congratulate the Veterans of Foreign Wars on the 100th anniversary of
||| its founding and to thank them for all they have done to help those who
||| help America.

||| SECTION 2. That the principal clerk of the House of
||| Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the VFW National
||| Headquarters.

