

Reps. Vander Veen, Bieda, Garfield, Brandenburg, Pappageorge, Mortimer, Emmons, Sheen, Voorhees, Caul, Steil, Palmer, Middaugh, Hart, Pastor, Moolenaar, Stakoe, Amos, Meyer, Huizenga, Kolb, DeRoche, Van Regenmorter, Hoogendyk, Williams, Wojno, Sak, Nitz, Tobocman, Hopgood, Clack, Anderson, Farhat, Kooiman, O'Neil, Woodward, Shackleton, Dennis, Minore, Plakas, Jamnick, Sheltroun, Byrum, Spade, Caswell, Gleason, Howell, Newell, LaJoy, Hager, Brown, Elkins, Accavitti, Zelenko, Richardville, Lipsey and Taub offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 171.

A resolution honoring veterans and recognizing November 11, 2003, as Veterans' Day.

Whereas, The willingness of our citizens to give freely and unselfishly of themselves, even their lives, in defense of our democratic principles, gives this great Nation continued strength and vitality; and

Whereas, From Valley Forge to the Persian Gulf, through war and peace, valiant Americans have answered the call to duty with honor and dignity; and

Whereas, Americans throughout this great land set aside Veterans' Day for special remembrance of the men and women who have served to protect our freedom; and

Whereas, The sound of bugles playing taps will pierce the air at countless ceremonies around the country and at our bases overseas in tribute to those who gave their lives in order to safeguard human liberty; and

Whereas, On this special day, our hearts and thoughts also turn to those who were disabled while serving their country, and their sacrifices and hardships endure, and daily earn anew the honor and compassion of a grateful nation; and

Whereas, With a spirit of pride and gratitude, we honor all our veterans, and especially those who have fought on the battlefields of Europe and the beaches of the Pacific, in the jungles and mountains of Asia, in the deserts of the Middle East, in hostile waters and skies around the globe; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body do hereby recognize November 11, 2003, as Veterans' Day and ask that on this day of honor all citizens express their gratitude to our veterans; and be it further

Resolved, That we devote special attention to those veterans who are sick and disabled, and show them through our actions that we remember and honor them.