

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO.22

Senators Bizon, Barrett, Outman, Hollier, Nesbitt, Daley, Chang, Johnson, Stamas, Victory, Theis, Horn, Lauwers, VanderWall, Bumstead, MacDonald, MacGregor, Ananich, Moss, Lucido, Santana, Zorn, Runestad, McBroom, Schmidt, LaSata, Alexander, Bullock, McCann, McMorrow, Polehanki and Irwin, Barrett, Outman, Hollier, Nesbitt, Daley, Chang, Johnson, Stamas, Victory, Theis, Horn, Lauwers, VanderWall, Bumstead, MacDonald, MacGregor, Ananich, Moss, Lucido, Santana, Zorn, Runestad, McBroom, Schmidt, LaSata, Alexander, Bullock, McCann, McMorrow, Polehanki and Irwin offered the following resolution:

- 1       A resolution to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the
- 2       American Legion.
- 3       Whereas, A group of World War I service members gathered in
- 4       Paris, France on March 15, 1919 to organize a new veteran service

1 organization; and

2       Whereas, The American Legion has been a staunch advocate for  
3 veterans and their families since 1919; and

4       Whereas, The American Legion began its journey when Colonel  
5 Fred M. Alger was appointed Chairman of the Michigan Temporary  
6 Committee of the New York meeting which met under the leadership of  
7 Theodore Roosevelt Jr.; and

8       Whereas, The American Legion of the Department of Michigan  
9 held its first meeting in the Hotel Statler in St. Louis, Missouri;  
10 and

11       Whereas, The American Legion of the Department of Michigan was  
12 then divided according to Congressional Districts with George C.  
13 Waldo as Temporary Chairman, Benjamin B. Bellows as Temporary Vice  
14 Commander, and Lyle B. Tabor Temporary Adjutant; and

15       Whereas, The American Legion Department of Michigan was  
16 incorporated under a State Charter and headquartered in Detroit.  
17 The headquarters relocated to Lansing in 1974, while maintaining a  
18 Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation office in Detroit; and

19       Whereas, The American Legion Department of Michigan has  
20 fulfilled the Legion's mission since 1919 through programs such as  
21 Boys State, Scouting, an American Legion Hospital, American Legion  
22 Children's Home, the American Legion Riders, Baseball, Accredited  
23 Veteran Service Officers, and many others throughout the decades;  
24 and

25       Whereas, The American Legion was founded on the four pillars  
26 of care for veterans, a strong national defense, Americanism, as  
27 well as our children and youth; and

28       Whereas, The American Legion has played a leading role in  
29 initiatives and breakthroughs that have affected the lives of

1 Americans in every community, from the United States Flag Code to  
2 the GI Bill; and

3       Whereas, The American Legion is celebrating its centennial  
4 anniversary on March 15, 2019 and we want to thank The American  
5 Legion Department of Michigan and the veterans it serves for one  
6 hundred years of dedicated service and commitment to all Michigan  
7 Veterans; now, therefore, be it

8       Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative  
9 body commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the American Legion and  
10 honor all 56,567 members who live in the state of Michigan and the  
11 2 million members who live in the United States; and be it further

12       Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the  
13 American Legion's Commander of the Department of Michigan.