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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, World War I officially ended when the Treaty of
3 Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919; and

4 WHEREAS, The fighting in World War I ceased when an
5 armistice went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh
6 day of the eleventh month; therefore, November 11, 1918 is
7 regarded as the end of World War I; and

8 WHEREAS, On May 13, 1938, Congress officially made November
9 11 a legal holiday to be dedicated to the cause of world peace
10 and those who served in World War I; and

11 WHEREAS, After World War II, and upon the urging of veteran
12 service agencies, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed
13 legislation into law that henceforth named November 11 as
14 Veterans Day, a day to celebrate all United States military
15 veterans; and

16 WHEREAS, There are currently 764,203 Illinois veterans who
17 have served our State and nation; and

18 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to
19 acknowledge, support, and thank our veterans for their service;
20 and

1 WHEREAS, Employers are not currently required to provide
2 time off for veterans on Veterans Day; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge employers
5 throughout the State of Illinois to recognize the importance of
6 Veterans Day and to allow our veterans the opportunity, if they
7 so choose, to participate in Veterans Day ceremonies or to take
8 time off as gratitude for their service.