

House Resolution 14 - Introduced

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 14

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1 A Resolution recognizing the centennial of the
2 six-month formation period of the American Legion in
3 Iowa.

4 WHEREAS, the formation of the American Legion is
5 traditionally regarded as beginning with the Paris
6 caucus held in Paris, France, on March 15-17, 1919,
7 where Iowa was represented by two individuals, Sergeant
8 Thomas Rowe of the 42nd Infantry Division and Wagoner
9 Dale Shaw of the 88th Infantry Division; and

10 WHEREAS, in May 1919, two Iowans, Sergeant Charles
11 A. Doxsee of Monticello and Major H. H. Polk of Des
12 Moines represented Iowa on the planning committee for
13 the St. Louis caucus held in St. Louis, Missouri, on
14 May 8-10, 1919, where a delegation of 38 Iowans were
15 present; and

16 WHEREAS, the creation of the American Legion in
17 Iowa began with the appointment of John MacVicar as
18 temporary adjutant and the chartering of local posts
19 beginning on May 28, 1919; and

20 WHEREAS, the first Department Convention of the
21 American Legion in Iowa was held at the Hotel Fort
22 Des Moines, in Des Moines, Iowa, on September 4-5,
23 1919; and

24 WHEREAS, the United States Congress authorized the
25 issuance of a federal charter to the American Legion
26 on September 16, 1919; and

27 WHEREAS, the six-month period from March 15, 1919,
28 through September 16, 1919, can be described as the

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1 formation period of the American Legion in Iowa; and

2 WHEREAS, the centennial of the commencement of
3 that six-month formation period will begin in March
4 2019; NOW THEREFORE,

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, That
6 the House of Representatives hereby recognizes the
7 centennial of the six-month formation period of the
8 American Legion in Iowa; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this
10 Resolution be transmitted to Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds
11 for appropriate proclamation and execution and to
12 Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate for appropriate
13 publication and preservation.