

House Concurrent Resolution No. 11

96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES NOLTE (Sponsor), NETH, LAUER, ANDERS, SMITH (71),
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2 **WHEREAS**, more than 4,000,000 Americans served in World War I; and

3 **WHEREAS**, there is no nationally recognized memorial honoring the service of those
4 over 4,000,000 Americans; and

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6 **WHEREAS**, in 1919, the people of Kansas City, Missouri, expressed an outpouring of
7 support and raised more than \$2 million in two weeks for a memorial to the service of Americans
8 who served in World War I. This fund was an accomplishment unparalleled by any other city
9 in the United States, irrespective of population; and

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11 **WHEREAS**, on November 1, 1921, more than 100,000 people witnessed the dedication
12 of the site for the Liberty Memorial in Kansas City, Missouri; and

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14 **WHEREAS**, General of the Armies John J. Pershing, a native of Missouri and the
15 Commander of the American Expeditionary Forces in World War I, noted at the November 1,
16 1921, dedication that "the people of Kansas City, Missouri, are deeply proud of the beautiful
17 memorial, erected in tribute to the patriotism, the gallant achievements, and the heroic sacrifices
18 of their sons and daughters who served in our country's armed forces during the World War. It
19 symbolized their grateful appreciation of duty well done, an appreciation which I share, because
20 I know so well how richly it is merited"; and

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22 **WHEREAS**, the 217 foot Liberty Memorial Tower has an inscription that reads, "In
23 Honor of Those Who Served in the World War in Defense of Liberty and Our Country" as well
24 as four stone "Guardian Spirits" representing courage, honors, patriotism, and sacrifices, which
25 rise above the observation deck, making the Liberty Memorial a noble tribute to all who served
26 in World War I; and

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28 **WHEREAS**, the 106th Congress recognized the Liberty Memorial as a national symbol
29 of World War I; and

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31 **WHEREAS**, the 108th Congress designated the museum at the base of the Liberty
32 Memorial as "American's National World War I Museum"; and

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34 **WHEREAS**, the American's World War I Museum is the only public museum in the
35 United States specifically dedicated to the history of World War I; and

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37 **WHEREAS**, the National World War I Museum is known throughout the world as a
38 major center of World War I remembrance:

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40 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of
41 Representatives of the Ninety-sixth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate
42 concurring therein, hereby urges the United States Congress to designate the Liberty Memorial,
43 Kansas City, Missouri, at the National World War I Museum in Kansas City, Missouri, as the
44 "National World War I Memorial"; and

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46 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
47 Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the
48 Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the United States Senate and United States House of
49 Representatives, and each member of the Missouri Congressional delegation.

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