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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, Veterans Day is a public holiday that is dedicated  
3 to honoring those who have served in the United States Armed  
4 Forces; the day was declared a holiday by President Woodrow  
5 Wilson in 1919; and

6           WHEREAS, The holiday was originally known as Armistice Day;  
7 the date of November 11 was chosen as the official date in  
8 reference to the armistice that ended World War I; and

9           WHEREAS, Armistice Day officially became Veterans Day in  
10 1954; and

11           WHEREAS, Illinois has the 10th largest veteran population  
12 in the United States; Illinois veterans have proven themselves  
13 worthy time and time again by serving in several of the  
14 nation's toughest and most difficult assignments with bravery  
15 and valor; and

16           WHEREAS, Veterans Day is an official Illinois State holiday  
17 for government employees; most federal workers are given the  
18 day off and there is no mail service in the United States on  
19 this day; therefore, be it

20           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

1 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
2 urge all employers in the State of Illinois to provide each  
3 employee who is a veteran with paid or unpaid time off for  
4 Veterans Day, November 11, if the employee would otherwise be  
5 required to work on that day.