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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 48**

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*Memorializing the President and the Congress to oppose efforts to move the observance of Veterans Day from November 11th.*

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Referred to Committee on Militia, Police and Public Safety

WHEREAS, the National Commission on Federal Election Reform suggested in its report to the President the possibility of moving the observance of Veterans Day to the second Tuesday in November in even-numbered years so that elections could be conducted on a national holiday; and

WHEREAS, Veterans Day, November 11th, formerly called Armistice Day, is the time when Americans unite to recognize the sacrifices and service of past and present members of the United States military; and

WHEREAS, the holiday was established as Armistice Day in 1926 to commemorate the November 11, 1918, armistice that ended hostilities in World War I; and

WHEREAS, in 1954, the name of the holiday was changed to Veterans Day to honor all of the men and women who have served America in its armed forces; and

WHEREAS, Veterans Day and the ceremonies nationwide to observe it are important to the millions of Americans who take the time each November 11th to honor their fellow citizens who have served their country; and

WHEREAS, the American Legion, at its 83rd National Convention in August 2001, expressed, by resolution, its opposition to any change of the date for observing Veterans Day; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby memorialize the President and the Congress of the United States to oppose any effort to change the observance of Veterans Day from November 11th; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate, and the members of the Virginia Congressional delegation so that they may be apprised of the sense of the General Assembly.

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