

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 67

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED OCTOBER 28, 1996

By Senator MATHEUSSEN

A SENATE RESOLUTION calling on county and municipal governments and boards of education to reaffirm support for the observance of Veterans' Day.

WHEREAS, Veterans' Day dates back to November 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the signing of the armistice that ended World War I; and WHEREAS, Until 1954, November 11 was known as Armistice Day and was the occasion to honor those who had given their lives in World War I and, later, World War II; and

WHEREAS, In 1954 federal legislation was enacted to designate November 11 as Veterans' Day and to proclaim it as an occasion to honor veterans of all wars; and

WHEREAS, Veterans' Day has also been proclaimed a public holiday in this State, and the public offices of the State government are closed for the transaction of business; and

WHEREAS, In the fast-paced life of this day and age, it is easy to lose sight of the meaning of Veterans' Day, especially because of the commercialization that has occurred in connection with this holiday; and

WHEREAS, It is important for all levels of government in this State, and especially for schools in the State, to recognize and honor the service in time of war by citizens of this State and to recognize and honor the sacrifice of lives made while in service to the nation; and

WHEREAS, Schools should be particularly sensitive to the importance of helping students to understand the meaning and significance of this holiday; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of New Jersey:

1. This House calls upon county and municipal governments and boards of education in school districts to reaffirm support for the observance of Veterans' Day by providing for appropriate ceremonies or by participating in the public holiday.

2. Duly authenticated copies of this resolution, signed by the President of the Senate and attested by the Secretary thereof, shall be transmitted to the

1 New Jersey Association of Counties, the New Jersey League of
2 Municipalities, and the New Jersey School Boards Association.

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