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Senate Resolution No. 5878

BY: Senator LARKIN

COMMEMORATING Veterans Day on Sunday, November 11, 2018, in the State of New York, to be observed on Monday, November 12, 2018

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to commend those who have served in times of active conflict, as well as those who have served in times of peace; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate Veterans Day on Sunday, November 11, 2018, in the State of New York, to be observed on Monday, November 12, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Formerly known as Armistice Day, Veterans Day gives Americans the opportunity to thank and honor living United States veterans who served honorably in the military; and

WHEREAS, Both a federal holiday and a state holiday, Veterans Day is celebrated on November 11, the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice that ended World War I; and

WHEREAS, Armistice Day was first commemorated in the United States by President Woodrow Wilson in 1919, and many states have since made it a legal holiday; in 1926, Congress passed a resolution inviting all

Americans to observe the day, and made it a legal holiday nationwide in 1938; and

WHEREAS, In 1954, the 83rd United States Congress, at the urging of the veterans service organizations who had been through both World War II and the Korean War, changed Armistice Day to Veterans Day; and

WHEREAS, When holidays in the United States, with the exception of New Year's Day, Christmas Day, Thanksgiving Day and Independence Day, were moved to Mondays to create long holiday weekends, Veterans Day was moved to the fourth Monday of October; and

WHEREAS, After protests by veterans groups, Veterans Day was moved back to its original date of November 11th, beginning in 1978, in order to make the holiday more important; and

WHEREAS, Residents of this great State must never forget the courage with which these men and women in uniform served their country, and must recognize that no greater debt is owed than that owed to them, as well as those who gave their lives for their beloved Nation and to those who continue to be missing in action; and

WHEREAS, Having exhibited their patriotism both at home and abroad, these men and women demonstrated their love for their country and merit forevermore, the highest respect of their State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Our Nation's veterans deserve to be recognized, commended and thanked by the people of the State of New York for their service and

for their dedication to their communities, their State and their Nation;
now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate Veterans Day on Sunday, November 11, 2018, in the State of New York, to be observed on Monday, November 12, 2018.