HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 26

Rep. Woolford offered the following resolution:

A resolution to commemorate the 34th anniversary of the United States Victory in the Gulf War and declare February 28, 2025, as Gulf War Victory Day in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, On August 2, 1990, one hundred thousand Iraqi troops 4 invaded Kuwait, despite efforts by the United Nations, led by the 5 United States, to de-escalate the impending conflict. This invasion 6 7 marked the beginning of Operation Desert Shield, which lasted from August 2, 1990, to January 17, 1991. During this first phase of the 8 Gulf War, U.S. forces were deployed to the Saudi Arabia border to 9 10 deter further conflict in the region. The second and final phase of the Gulf War, codenamed Operation Desert Storm, began with an air 11 12 assault on January 17, 1991. This phase included a ground assault 13 that lasted four days and concluded on February 28, 1991, with the 14 surrender of Iraqi forces, demonstrating America's might to the

- $oldsymbol{1}$ world resulting in the fourth largest land army's surrender in
- 2 under one hundred hours of battle; and
- 3 Whereas, On February 28, 2025, we will take a moment to honor

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- 4 and remember the individuals who lost their lives in this war 34
- 5 years ago, along with all the veterans who have bravely fought to
- 6 uphold our freedom and safeguard our republic values. It is because
- 7 of Americans that stand to answer the call of our nation, that we
- 8 enjoy peace and prosperity in the United States today. Their
- 9 selfless sacrifices and unwavering commitment in defense of
- 10 international security and diplomacy have played a crucial role in
- 11 establishing several vital allies in this strategic region of the
- 12 world. We recognize the profound impact the Gulf War Veterans have
- 13 had, not only in protecting our nation but also in fostering
- 14 stability and cooperation in the Middle East and around the world.
- 15 Through their dedication, they have ensured that the ideals we
- 16 cherish continue to thrive for generations to come; now, therefore,
- **17** be it.
- 18 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
- 19 this legislative body commemorate the 34th anniversary of the
- 20 United States Victory in the Gulf War and declare February 28,
- 21 2025, as Gulf War Victory Day in the state of Michigan. We
- 22 encourage the people of Michigan to acknowledge the importance of
- 23 recognizing this day.