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Authorizing the last surviving United States veteran of the First World War to lie in honor in the rotunda of the Capitol upon his death.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BYRD submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Whereas the veterans of the First World War fought bravely and made heroic sacrifices for the Allied forces;

Whereas the veterans of the First World War suffered the terrors of both trench warfare and the chemical battlefield;

Whereas the veterans of the First World War suffered the scourge of the Spanish influenza pandemic;

Whereas past resolutions have sought authorization for veterans, representative of specific wars, to lie in honor in the rotunda of the Capitol;

Whereas it is the desire of all veterans to honor both those who serve and those who have served in time of war and peace;

Whereas it is the Nation's collective desire to express its gratitude for the sacrifice and service of all First World War veterans; and

Whereas Frank Woodruff Buckles, born February 1, 1901, in Bethany, Missouri, and residing in Jefferson County, West Virginia, at age 108, is believed to be the last surviving United States veteran of the First World War: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*
2 *concurring),*

3 **SECTION 1. HONORING VETERANS OF THE FIRST WORLD**
4 **WAR.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—In recognition of the historic contributions of United States veterans who served in the First World War, the last surviving United States veteran of the First World War shall be permitted to lie in honor in the rotunda of the Capitol upon his death, so that the citizens of the United States may pay their last respects to these great Americans.

12 (b) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Architect of the Capitol, under the direction and supervision of the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, shall take the necessary steps to implement subsection (a), including, if necessary, scheduling

- 1 the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for the purposes de-
- 2 scribed in such subsection at such a time as such use will
- 3 not coincide with the use of the Capitol for an Inaugura-
- 4 tion or a State of the Union address.

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