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On Behalf

Of:

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As a retired Army Officer, there is nothing more important than honoring our veterans. This bill requires ceremonies held by state agencies to commemorate Memorial Day or Veterans Day to be held on the legally designated holiday.

Over time, we have placed more emphasis on a 3-day weekend than on the meaning and the significance of those two events for which a legal holiday was created. As a consequence, the holidays have lost their true significance.

These two days have very special meanings. I believe that ceremonies should be dedicated to the day on which they were intended to be commemorated, and I hope that local communities will follow suit.

Please pass this bill.

Sincerely yours, Russ Kautz