

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 917

By Wirgau

A RESOLUTION to designate October 12, 2018, as a "Day of Remembrance for Douglas Milford Lyons" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, Douglas Milford Lyons was born on November 27, 1892, to Thomas Nicholas and Ida Champion Lyons in Tharpe; and

WHEREAS, Douglas Milford Lyons served as a teacher in Stewart County and resided in Fort Henry; and

WHEREAS, Douglas Milford Lyons became a true Tennessee Volunteer by joining the United States Army in 1917 and served with the 114th Infantry Regiment, 29th Division; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Douglas Milford Lyons volunteered for officer training to become a Lieutenant while serving near Verdun, France, during World War I; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Douglas Milford Lyons inspired his men in battle with courageous leadership and fearlessness in attacking the enemy position and was killed in action; and

WHEREAS, Douglas Milford Lyons was posthumously awarded the United States Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism in action on October 12, 1918; and

WHEREAS, Douglas Milford Lyons was laid to rest in the Fort Donelson National Cemetery in Dover; and

WHEREAS, the Douglas Milford Lyons American Legion Post 72 in Stewart County was named in his honor on September 26, 1930; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby designate October 12, 2018, as a "Day of Remembrance for

Douglas Milford Lyons" in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join in this worthy observance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.