

INTRODUCED: September 10, 2018

A RESOLUTION No. 2018-R086

To encourage and support participation in the “Bells of Peace: A World War I Remembrance” program with the tolling of bells on November 11, 2018, at 11:00 a.m., to commemorate the end of World War I.

Patrons – All Members of Council

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: OCT 8 2018 AT 6 P.M.

WHEREAS, a century ago, 4,700,000 American families sent their sons and daughters off to World War I; and

WHEREAS, of the 4,700,000 United States service members serving in the war, 116,516 gave their lives, 320,000 suffered from illness, and more than 200,000 were wounded in combat; and

WHEREAS, over 100,000 Virginians served in World War I, with approximately 3,700 giving their lives and multitudes more suffering from illness and combat injury; and

WHEREAS, there are many sites in the United States commemorating World War I and, in the Commonwealth, it is the Virginia War Memorial Carillon located in Richmond that is the

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state's official monument to the approximately 3,700 Virginians who died as a result of World War I; and

WHEREAS, the tolling of bells is a traditional expression of honor and remembrance to recognize, commemorate, and give thanks for the service and sacrifice of those who served in World War I; and

WHEREAS, November 11, 2018, marks the 100th Anniversary of the signing of the armistice which ended World War I at 11:00 a.m. on November 11, 1918, often referred to as the "eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month;" and

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2018, the United States World War One Centennial Commission called upon all Americans across the nation to toll bells 21 times to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the armistice on November 11, 2018, in remembrance of those who served in World War I; and

WHEREAS, the Council therefore believes that it is in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Richmond that the City encourages and supports participation in the "Bells of Peace: A World War I Remembrance" program and to toll bells 21 times at 11:00 a.m. on November 11, 2018, in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the armistice and those who served in World War I;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND:

That the City encourages and supports participation by citizens of the City of Richmond in the national "Bells of Peace: A World War I Remembrance" program by tolling any available bells in the city a total of 21 times at 11:00 a.m. on November 11, 2018, in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the armistice and those who served in World War I.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND:

That the City Council requests that the Chief Administrative Officer cause any bells located in City-owned buildings to be tolled a total of 21 times at 11:00 a.m. on November 11, 2018, as a part of such commemoration.



Lou Brown Ali
Council Chief of Staff

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DATE August 16, 2018

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TITLE: Resolution for Bells of Peace to Support World War I Remembrance Day in Richmond, Virginia

This is a request for the drafting of an Ordinance Resolution

REQUESTING COUNCILMEMBER/PATRON

SUGGESTED STANDING COMMITTEE

Council Member Parker Agelasto

Governmental Operations

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION SUMMARY

Resolution to express support and encourage residents to participate in "Bells of Peace: A World War I Remembrance which is a national tolling of bells to honor those who served in World War I and in remembrance of the 100th Anniversary of the signing of the Armistice which ended the fighting of World War I at 11:00 a.m. on Nov. 11, 1918.

BACKGROUND

WHEREAS, a century ago 4.7 million American families sent their sons and daughters off to World War I; and

WHEREAS, of the 4.7 million U.S. service members serving in the war, 116,516 Americans gave their lives, 320,000 suffered from illness and more than 200,000 were wounded in the war¹; and

¹ https://www.va.gov/opa/publications/factsheets/fs_americas_wars.pdf

WHEREAS, Over 100,000² Virginians served in World War I and approximately 4,000³ gave their lives, in addition to others who suffered from illness and combat injury; and

WHEREAS, there are many sites in the U.S. with historical significance to World War I, the Carillon – Virginia's World War I Memorial located in Richmond, Virginia, dedicated in 1932 is the Commonwealth's official monument⁴ to the approximately 3,700 men and women from the state who served their country with honor and those who died as a result of World War I; and

WHEREAS, the tolling of bells is a traditional expression of honor and remembrance to recognize, commemorate, and give thanks for the service and sacrifice of those who served in World War I ; and

WHEREAS, November 11, 2018 marks the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice which ended World War I at 11:00 a.m. on November 11, 1918- often referred to as the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month; and

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2018, the United States World War I Centennial Commission called upon all Americans across the nation to toll bells twenty-one times in remembrance of those who served in World War I on Armistice Day, November 11, 2018; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Richmond City Council does hereby call upon all residents of the City of Richmond to toll bells twenty-one times at 11:00 a.m. on November 11, 2018 to recognizing Armistice Day and all residents who served the U.S. Military during World War I.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Fiscal Impact Yes No

Budget Amendment Required Yes No

Estimated Cost or Revenue Impact \$

Attachment/s Yes No

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²Virginia War History Commission, "Virginia in the War- Topical Outline for a City or County War History", http://www.virginiamemory.com/blogs/out_of_the_box/2017/04/05/over-there-and-over-here-virginia-world-war-i-and-the-records-of-the-war-history-commission

³ Library of Virginia Database. <http://www.lva.virginia.gov/public/guides/vmd/vmdintro.htm>

⁴ The Carillon Civic Association, William Byrd Park, 1300 Blanton Avenue, Richmond, Virginia, www.carilloncivic.org