

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 23

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House of Representatives, Jan. 23, 1919.

Tabled for printing pending reference to a committee by Mr. Lausier of Biddeford.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Lausier of Biddeford.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND  
NINE HUNDRED AND NINETEEN

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RESOLVE, appropriating money for the erection of a suitable memorial in the city of Biddeford, York County, commemorative of the bravery and valor of the soldiers and sailors of said York County in the late war.

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Resolved: Whereas the signing of the terms of the armis-  
2 tice by the allied powers and Germany on the eleventh day  
3 of November, nineteen hundred and eighteen, marked the  
4 hour of triumph of the American and Allied Armies in the  
5 prosecution of a just and unavoidable war, instituted by the  
6 imperial German government, without just or moral cause,  
7 and constituting an impious assault upon the liberties of the  
8 world and wages by Germany with ferocious and fanatical

9 fury; a war fought for the greatest decree for which armies  
10 have ever contended, namely: the democracy, the right of  
11 self determination and the liberties of the peoples of the  
12 whole earth and gloriously contested by the American and  
13 allied armies, not for national or materials gain, but to pre-  
14 serve the liberties and the free sovereignty of the peoples  
15 of the earth, and to insure a lasting and permanent peace, a  
16 war in which the untrained boys of America, adept in the  
17 arts of peace, became almost over night the most formidable  
18 and irresistible fighting force in the world, seemingly a  
19 trained army lying on their arms awaiting the call to battle  
20 and, whereas the State of Maine contributed to the army and  
21 navy of the United States more than thirty thousand soldiers  
22 and sailors who fought and served with bravery and valor  
23 actuated by love of flag and country and

Whereas the grateful people of Maine desire to com-  
2 memorate the glorious achievements of Maine soldiers and  
3 sailors and the principles and ideals for which they fought in  
4 the war just ended, with suitable memorials,

Resolved, That there be and is hereby appropriated for the  
2 year nineteen hundred and nineteen the sum of sixty-two  
3 thousand five hundred dollars (\$62,500) and for the year  
4 nineteen hundred and twenty the sum of sixty-two thousand  
5 five hundred dollars (\$62,500) to be expended under the  
6 direction of a board of commissions to be designated the  
7 Victory Memorial Commission named as hereinafter desig-  
8 nated in the erection of a suitable memorial, monument or

9 structure to be forthwith erected in the city of Biddeford in  
10 the State of Maine, such memorial suitably commemorating  
11 the service and valor of the soldiers and sailors resident in  
12 the County of York or resident therein at the time of in-  
13 duction into the service. The place of erection shall be as  
14 follows: viz. Biddeford, and provided further that the city  
15 of Biddeford shall furnish a suitable lot acceptable to the  
16 building commission, free of expense to the State of Maine,  
17 and it is further expressly provided that the name of every  
18 soldier and sailor shall in some way be commemorated down  
19 to the humblest private.

Second. Said commission shall be appointed by the gov-  
2 ernor by and with the consent and approval of the council and  
3 shall consist of the governor, who shall serve as chairman  
4 and two citizens from the city of Biddeford and shall have  
5 full authority to make and enter into contracts for the  
6 erection of said memorial and for plans and specifications,  
7 and said commission is hereby empowered to expend the  
8 sums hereby appropriated for the purposes herein specified.