

RESOLUTION NO. 3.

Resolution, memorializing the congress of the United States to grant a gratuity of three months' pay to honorably discharged soldiers, sailors and marines.

WHEREAS, since the signing of the armistice, the soldiers, sailors and marines who rendered such valiant service at home and abroad, for their country in its hour of trial in the great war from which this country has emerged gloriously, are now being demobilized and discharged with greater rapidity than admits of their assimilation into the industries of civil life, and

WHEREAS, all these valiant boys have been serving at rates of pay sufficient only for their needs from day to day, making no provision for the immediate future or for tiding them over the weeks and months of idleness which in most cases must follow the release of millions of men in a nation whose industries are now stagnant and awaiting the readjustment from a war to a peace basis, and

WHEREAS, unless relief is granted by appropriate legislation, these boys, the pride of our country, the savior of our liberties, and the protectors of our home and free institutions, must be called upon or allowed to suffer privations which would warrant them in reaching the conclusion that after all, the statement is true that "republics are ungrateful" and that protection for those valiant heroes was forthcoming so long only as their service on the firing line was needed to protect those at home, in person and property;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we urgently request and earnestly urge that the congress of the United States provide at this time by suitable enactment into law that all heretofore and hereafter honorably discharged soldiers, sailors and marines of the United States in the great world war be granted and paid a gratuity equal to three months' pay after the date of their respective discharges at the same rate applicable to each such soldier, sailor and marine at the date of his discharge, the same to be paid monthly through such channels as congress may direct.

RESOLVED, further, that this resolution, the senate concurring, be duly recorded in the records of this session, and that copies thereof be forthwith forwarded to each of the senators in congress from Minnesota and to each member of the National House of Representatives from Minnesota, to the president and vice president of the United States, to the secretaries of war and navy of the United States.

Approved January 29, 1919.