

the future of our country rests. Your presence here is evidence enough that you have been taught the responsibilities of good citizenship and have willingly accepted its obligations.

May I say, once again, that it is a pleasure to me to welcome you to your State capital for this 1965 session of Boys State. I know that each of you will profit individually from your experience here, and, since good citizenship produces good government, your communities, your state and your nation, in turn, will benefit from your participation in this worthwhile undertaking.

ADDRESS, VETERANS DAY

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47 years ago today, at 11:00 a.m., the guns of the first World War were silenced. An armistice — that is to say, an agreement to end hostilities — was signed by the two hostile forces, the Allies and the Central Powers. Armistice Day, in recognition of this great event in the history of the world, became a national holiday when the unknown soldier was laid to rest in Arlington Cemetery, not many miles from here. Ever since that time, on November 11 the people of Maryland have joined with the rest of the nation in paying homage to the heroes of Argonne Forest, Saint Mihiel and the other battles of this great conflict.

Other wars have been fought since that time — World War II, the Korean War and now in Viet Nam. So that we might honor those who fought in the subsequent conflicts, as well as the preceding wars, the name of the holiday was changed from Armistice Day to Veterans Day. We have met here today to honor and pay tribute to the dead of all wars in which our nation has been engaged — from the War of Independence to the present conflict in Southeast Asia.

It is certainly appropriate that we set aside a day of each year to pay our respects and express our gratitude to the soldiers, sailors, marines, and airmen who risked or sacrificed their lives that our country might remain free. Perhaps the highest tribute we could pay to these veterans of our wars — those of our generation and of generations past — is to renew our resolution to work for a lasting peace and reaffirm our determination to keep our country strong enough to resist any enemy that might be tempted to assault it.