COUNTY DEPARTMENT AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Board of Commissioners	Presenter(s):	Board of Commissioners
Meeting Date:	Thursday, March 24, 2011	Type of Request:	Presentation/Recognition

Wording for the Agenda:

Presentation of Resolution recognizing the birthday of the American Legion.

Background/History/Details:

Fayette County is fortunate to have two chapters of the American Legion, Posts 50 and 105. Post 105 was started in Fayette County in 1927 with Post 50 relocating to Fayette County a number of years ago. Together these Posts have approximately 700 members.

The American Legion first started in 1919 after World War I ended and American soldiers, prior to returning to the United States, wanted a means of communicating and fellowshipping with other veterans once they got home. A meeting of servicemen, known as the "Paris Caucus" occurred on March 15, 1919 in France, where what is known as the American Legion was started.

Local Legion members will be present to receive the Resolution.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Issue the Resolution and recognize members of Posts 50 and 105 who are in attendance. Will need to take a picture.

If this item requires funding, please describe:

No funding required.

Has this issue come before the Commissioners in the past?	Yes	If so, when?	March, 2010
Do you need audio-visual for the presentation?	No	Back-up Material Submitted?	Yes

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Approved by Finance	Not Applicable	Reviewed by Legal	Yes
Approved by Purchasing	Not Applicable	Approved by County Clerk	Yes
Administrator's Approval	Yes		

Staff Notes:

Resolution

"Birthday of the American Legion"

Whereas, Following the end of World War I, soldiers in France were seeking a way by which to communicate and fellowship with other veterans after returning home to America and thus called a meeting on March 15, 1919 in Paris, later known as the "Paris Caucus", to which the birth of the American Legion can be attributed; and

Whereas, The American Legion is a patriotic veterans' organization dedicated to veterans' affairs and rehabilitation, national security, Americanism, and to the children and youth in our communities, with 14,000 Legion Posts worldwide having over 2.6 million members; and

Whereas, Members of the American Legion are dedicated to upholding the ideals of freedom and democracy, and the ever-present need to promote an awareness of the cost of freedom and the sacrifices of service members, past and present; and

Whereas, Fayette County is fortunate to be home to two American Legion Posts, Fayette County Post 105 in Fayetteville which originated in Fayette County in 1927 and the Lyle-Brewster Post 50 in Peachtree City which relocated to Fayette County in 2002, with a membership of over 600 veterans together;

Now, therefore, we, the Members of the Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia, are proud to hereby recognize March 15, 2010 as the

"Birthday of the American Legion"

and in doing so recognize in particular the efforts and accomplishments of our local American Legion Posts 50 and 105. Further, by way of this Resolution, we honor each and every member, knowing that these men and women have served our Country at home and abroad, to secure and protect our freedom and to preserve the way of life Americans hold dear. Thank you for your faithful and courageous service.

So resolved this 24thth day of March, 2011, by the

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA

Herbert E. Frady

Herbert E. Frady, Chairman