

### Patriotism in Action features

- how Veterans Day started in Alabama
- lessons on 10 character traits, and
- patriotic guide for students, teachers, and other patriotic citizens.

Cover: Reagan honors Weeks as the "driving force" for America's Veterans Day presenting to him the Presidential Citizens Medal on November 11, 1982, in a nationally televised speech.



The Veterans Shrine at The American Village (Montevallo, Alabama) features key historical events on National Veterans Day, such as Weeks, Eisenhower, Reagan, and the U.S. Senate Resolution.

112th CONGRESS 2D SESSION

### S. RES. 591

Expressing the sense of the Senate regarding Raymond Weeks and his efforts in the establishment of Veterans Day.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 13, 2012 Ms. Stancos (for himself and Ms. Senturi) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

## RESOLUTION

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- (2) recognizes Birningham, Alabama, as the home to the first and longest running celebs Veterana Day;
  (2) recognizes Raymond Works for his pioneering efforts in the establishment of Veterana Day; 3) honors the sacrifices of, and pays tribute to, the men and women of the United States in em who risk life and limb for their country at home and overseas.

Senator Sessions called in November 2012 to share the good news, the U.S. Senate passed our proposed resolution, including:

General Dwight Eisenhower supported the program proposed on November 11, 1946 "National Veterans Day 1947" presented by Raymond Weeks, WWII veteran from Birmingham and Phenix City. President Eisenhower signed Veterans Day into law in 1954. Weeks served Veterans Day 40 years.

> **Resolved by the United States** Senate (the House...concurring) Alabama, as home to the first celebration of Veterans Day.

> Another state had claimed to have started Veterans Day in 1953, with Congressional approval, so Alabama and Weeks had lost their legacy. This official recognition in 2012 restored and confirmed one of Alabama's most positive national contributions.

# **Character Traits Education**

Alabama has character traits mandated to teach for 10 minutes daily, including our Pledge of Allegiance.

The founding of Veterans Day History supports at least 5 of the traits: Patriotism – Courage – Perseverance – Loyalty – Citizenship

> We also recommend teaching these 5: Freedom – Peace – Honor – Trust – Leadership

Teachers of millions of students can teach "who, how, why, and where" the USA celebrates Veterans Day connecting history to character traits and citizenship. Teachers can inspire and guide students to act on their *Freedom to Flourish* by writing *Plans for School and Life* and using lessons learned on "patriotism, courage, perseverance, honor, and leadership."

-America's source for teacher resources: Troy University College of Education in cooperation with Life Leaders Institute-

# **Patriotism In Action** We believe every citizen should know... **Veterans Day started in Alabama in 1947** *Alabama can be a Top 5 U.S. destination for events and educational resources.*



that Congress hereby recognizes Birmingham, and longest running