

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY MELLOW, LEACH, WASHINGTON, HUGHES, KITCHEN,
TARTAGLIONE, FONTANA, MUSTO, COSTA, STOUT, DINNIMAN, BOSCOLA,
GREENLEAF, ERICKSON, FOLMER AND ORIE, SEPTEMBER 3, 2009

REFERRED TO EDUCATION, SEPTEMBER 3, 2009

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 Ratifying the designation of Valley Forge Military College as
2 the Official Military College of Pennsylvania and endorsing
3 and encouraging participation in the Valley Forge Military
4 College Legislative Appointment Initiative Program.

5 WHEREAS, The Valley Forge Military College Legislative
6 Appointment Initiative Program (Initiative Program) serves to
7 identify young men and women who possess or have demonstrated
8 the highest physical, intellectual, moral and leadership
9 potential and service-to-country-orientation and who have an
10 interest in attending the two-year, postsecondary educational
11 institution at Valley Forge Military College, the "Official
12 Military College of Pennsylvania" and to help facilitate their
13 receipt of financial assistance to attend the college; and

14 WHEREAS, The Initiative Program may be used to complement the
15 Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) and the Early
16 Commissioning Program (ECP), and students who are accepted into
17 the ECP at Valley Forge Military College are commissioned as
18 officers in the United States Army upon graduation and are also

1 awarded a scholarship and earnings; and

2 WHEREAS, Financial allowances and an \$8,500 scholarship under
3 the Initiative Program can provide a student with a cost-free
4 postsecondary education; and

5 WHEREAS, This program is open to all men and women,
6 regardless of race, creed, ethnicity or nationality, who are
7 legal residents of this Commonwealth, who have successfully
8 completed and graduated from a secondary school and who are
9 believed to possess the intellectual, moral and leadership
10 potential and the skills or accomplishments to successfully
11 matriculate at the Official Military College of Pennsylvania or
12 who otherwise meet the academic, intellectual, moral and
13 physical eligibility standards of the college; and

14 WHEREAS, Each individual appointed who meets the minimum
15 standard guidelines set each year by Valley Forge Military
16 College is guaranteed acceptance into the Valley Forge Military
17 College and is academically eligible for an ECP scholarship and
18 admission into the ECP; and

19 WHEREAS, Each senator and each representative will be
20 authorized to appoint a legislative appointee to the freshman
21 class each year, and each legislative appointee will receive an
22 Initiative Program scholarship for each year of their two years
23 of attendance at Valley Forge Military College; and

24 WHEREAS, Valley Forge Military College will fund and provide
25 the Initiative Program scholarship to each legislative
26 appointee, and each legislative appointee is guaranteed
27 acceptance to Valley Forge Military College and to receipt of
28 the Initiative Program scholarship; and

29 WHEREAS, Accepted students will officially be placed into
30 nomination for an ROTC scholarship; and

1 WHEREAS, The legislative appointee is not required to enter
2 the ROTC or the ECP but, by doing so, can become a commissioned
3 officer in the United States Army upon graduation from Valley
4 Forge Military College and essentially have a 100% scholarship
5 to Valley Forge Military College; and

6 WHEREAS, Upon admission, each legislative appointee will be
7 required to take the oath of allegiance administered by Valley
8 Forge Military College to support and defend the Constitution of
9 the United States and of the Commonwealth; and

10 WHEREAS, Upon acceptance, a certificate will be issued by
11 Valley Forge Military College evidencing the legislative
12 appointment and the member of the General Assembly who made the
13 appointment; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED (the House of Representatives concurring), That the
15 General Assembly endorse and support the Valley Forge Military
16 College Legislative Appointment Initiative Program and urge
17 members of the General Assembly to immediately implement the
18 procedures necessary to select candidates for appointment to the
19 semester beginning in Fall 2010; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the designation of Valley Forge Military
21 College, located in Wayne, be ratified and that the college be
22 again designated as the "Official Military College of
23 Pennsylvania"; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That members of the General Assembly be encouraged
25 to appoint local selection committees to assist them in
26 identifying and selecting applicants for appointment and to help
27 ensure that the selection and appointment do not create any
28 conflicts of interest or otherwise violate 65 Pa.C.S. Ch. 11
29 (relating to ethics standards and financial disclosure).