

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 474 Session of
2000

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 19, 2000

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing May 7, 2000, as the 25th observance of the ending of
2 the Vietnam War.

3 WHEREAS, The United States fought in Southeast Asia from
4 August 5, 1964, until May 7, 1975, and served an advisory role
5 from July 1, 1958, until August 4, 1964; and

6 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania has always provided its best and
7 brightest sons and daughters to serve in the country's wars and
8 during peacetime in the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast
9 Guard, their reserve components and the Pennsylvania National
10 Guard; and

1 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania contributed approximately 498,000 of
2 its men and women to serve during the Vietnam War era, of which
3 172,000 are estimated to have been direct participants in the
4 war; and

5 WHEREAS, It is estimated that 3,144 Pennsylvanians were
6 killed in action, 8,400 were wounded in action, 28 were
7 repatriated prisoners of war and 107 are still unaccounted for
8 in Southeast Asia; and

9 WHEREAS, Pennsylvanians understand that "freedom is not
10 free," and all generations have offered their young to serve "in
11 harm's way," thus embracing John 15:13; and

12 WHEREAS, All of this Commonwealth's Vietnam era veterans and
13 their family members deserve commendation for their service,
14 sacrifice and devotion to duty during a most trying time in
15 America's history; therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives highly commend
17 all Vietnam era veterans and their families for their
18 outstanding service to this Commonwealth, our nation and the
19 peoples of Southeast Asia and the world; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commend and
21 applaud the May 7, 2000, 25th observance of the ending of the
22 Vietnam War and encourage all Pennsylvanians to remember the
23 many great hardships endured by these Vietnam era veterans and
24 their families.