
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JUNE 6, 2000

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the veterans of the United States Army, the United
2 States Navy and the United States Marine Corps and honoring
3 the men and women of the armed forces who lost their lives
4 during World War II.

5 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives desires to commend all
6 the veterans of World War II and in particular those veterans
7 who bravely fought in the Battle of Midway and to recognize
8 their valiant efforts on behalf of the United States during the
9 war; and

10 WHEREAS, This year marks the 58th anniversary of the battle
11 in the Pacific theater of operations known as the Battle of
12 Midway which was fought from June 3 through 6, 1942; and

13 WHEREAS, This battle started as a major Japanese offensive in

1 the Pacific in which the Japanese with 160 naval ships,
2 including the aircraft carriers Akagi, Kaga, Hiryu and Soryu,
3 attempted to gain additional military outposts and bases in
4 order to extend Japan's outer defense line; and

5 WHEREAS, The United States with only 76 naval ships,
6 including the aircraft carriers Yorktown, Hornet and Enterprise,
7 established the position of the superior Japanese naval force
8 and used its carrier-based aircraft to attack the Japanese
9 fleet; and

10 WHEREAS, The gallant efforts of the dive bomber pilots from
11 the three aircraft carriers and those from Midway Island
12 resulted in the destruction and sinking of the four Japanese
13 aircraft carriers; and

14 WHEREAS, The U.S.S. Yorktown, damaged by aircraft from the
15 Japanese carriers, along with the destroyer U.S.S. Hammann were
16 torpedoed by a Japanese submarine during the battle on June 6,
17 1942; and

18 WHEREAS, The Battle of Midway resulted in 307 American
19 casualties and the loss of 2 naval vessels and 150 aircraft
20 while the Japanese suffered 3,500 casualties and the loss of 9
21 naval vessels and 332 aircraft; and

22 WHEREAS, The courageous efforts of the American forces
23 overcame great odds throughout the Battle of Midway and were key
24 in stopping the Japanese advance in the Pacific; therefore be it

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives offer its highest
26 commendation to all the veterans of World War II, in particular
27 the veterans who participated in the Battle of Midway, and honor
28 the brave men and women of the armed forces who made the
29 ultimate sacrifice of their lives during World War II.