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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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DECEMBER 13, 2005

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
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## A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating Major General Jessica L. Wright, Adjutant General  
2 of Pennsylvania, and the Pennsylvania National Guard for  
3 their transformation of the 56th Brigade of the 28th Infantry  
4 Division (Mechanized) into the 56th Stryker Brigade Combat  
5 Team and for their ongoing efforts to administer more than \$1  
6 billion in Federal funds to improve armories, training sites  
7 and ranges.

8 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania National Guard has achieved the  
9 highest levels of strength and readiness; and

10 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania National Guard is one of the  
11 largest National Guard forces in the United States and is  
12 considered by many to be the best state National Guard in the  
13 nation; and

14 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania distinguished itself nationally when  
15 the 56th Brigade of the 28th Infantry Division (Mechanized) was  
16 selected for transformation into the 56th Stryker Brigade Combat  
17 Team; and

1 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's 56th Stryker Brigade Combat Team is  
2 the only Stryker unit established in the National Guard and the  
3 Army Reserve Component; and

4 WHEREAS, Transformation of the 56th Brigade will bring new  
5 equipment and the latest military technology to the Pennsylvania  
6 Army National Guard; and

7 WHEREAS, The 56th Brigade, which will headquarter in the  
8 Philadelphia area, will employ 3,717 traditional Guard members  
9 and 220 full-time administrative employees; and

10 WHEREAS, The 56th Brigade will be equipped with about 300  
11 Strykers, the Army's new state-of-the-art, rapidly deployable  
12 wheeled vehicle; and

13 WHEREAS, Transformation of the 56th Stryker Brigade Combat  
14 Team will result in scores of planned new construction and  
15 upgrade projects at armories and readiness centers located  
16 across this Commonwealth from Erie to Philadelphia; and

17 WHEREAS, The United States Army will invest about \$1.5  
18 billion in the new 56th Stryker Brigade Combat Team; therefore  
19 be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives congratulate  
21 Major General Jessica L. Wright, Adjutant General of  
22 Pennsylvania, and the Pennsylvania National Guard for their  
23 transformation of Pennsylvania's 56th Stryker Brigade Combat  
24 Team and for their ongoing efforts to improve armories, training  
25 sites and ranges across our Commonwealth; and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to  
27 the Adjutant General, to the Commanding General of the 28th  
28 Infantry Division (Mechanized), to the Commanding Officers of  
29 the 56th Stryker Brigade Combat Team and its supporting  
30 battalions and to the leadership of the Pennsylvania National

1 Guard Associations.