

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 323 Session of
2009

INTRODUCED BY GIBBONS, BARRAR, BEAR, BELFANTI, BISHOP, BRENNAN, BROOKS, CALTAGIRONE, CLYMER, CONKLIN, D. COSTA, DeLUCA, DERMODY, DONATUCCI, FLECK, FRANKEL, FREEMAN, GEORGE, GOODMAN, GRUCELA, HANNA, HARHAI, HARKINS, HESS, HORNAMAN, HOUGHTON, KORTZ, KULA, MAHONEY, MARSHALL, McCALL, McGEEHAN, MELIO, MENSCH, MILLARD, MUNDY, MUSTIO, M. O'BRIEN, PALLONE, PARKER, PASHINSKI, PAYNE, PHILLIPS, PICKETT, READSHAW, REICHLEY, ROCK, SAINATO, SIPTROTH, K. SMITH, SWANGER, VEREB, VULAKOVICH, WALKO AND YOUNGBLOOD, MAY 29, 2009

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MAY 29, 2009

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of October 2009 as "Agent Orange
2 Recognition Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The Vietnam War was the longest conflict in American
4 history; and

5 WHEREAS, During the Vietnam War, American servicepersons
6 displayed heroic courage and determination under some of the
7 most difficult circumstances ever encountered in United States
8 military history; and

9 WHEREAS, Approximately 498,000 men and women from this
10 Commonwealth served during the Vietnam War era, an estimated
11 172,000 of whom directly participated in the war; and

12 WHEREAS, According to the United States Department of
13 Veterans Affairs, approximately 20 million gallons of Agent
14 Orange and other herbicides were used during the Vietnam War;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, Thousands of Vietnam War veterans have died due to
3 the use of Agent Orange; and

4 WHEREAS, Thousands of veterans still suffer from cancer and
5 other health disorders caused by exposure to Agent Orange; and

6 WHEREAS, Veterans with health problems caused by Agent Orange
7 live with the knowledge that genetic damage resulting from their
8 exposure to Agent Orange may be handed down through generations;
9 therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
11 month of October 2009 as "Agent Orange Recognition Month" in
12 Pennsylvania.