

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 424 Session of
2009

INTRODUCED BY DRUCKER, ADOLPH, LENTZ, McCALL, EACHUS, BARBIN, BARRAR, BELFANTI, BENNINGHOFF, BRENNAN, CALTAGIRONE, CHRISTIANA, D. COSTA, DeLUCA, DENLINGER, DeWEESE, FAIRCHILD, FLECK, FRANKEL, GEORGE, GODSHALL, GOODMAN, GRELL, GRUCELA, HESS, HORNAMAN, JOHNSON, KNOWLES, KORTZ, KULA, MANN, MARKOSEK, McGEEHAN, McILVAINE SMITH, MENSCH, MIRABITO, MURT, O'NEILL, PARKER, PASHINSKI, PICKETT, PYLE, QUINN, RAPP, READSHAW, SABATINA, SANTARSIERO, SANTONI, SCAVELLO, SIPTROTH, SONNEY, STERN, SWANGER, TALLMAN, TRUE, WALKO, YOUNGBLOOD, ROEBUCK, GEIST AND GIBBONS, JULY 28, 2009

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, AUGUST 4, 2009

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 Ratifying the designation of Valley Forge Military College as
2 the Official Military College of Pennsylvania, endorsing and
3 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

1 Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) and the Early
2 Commissioning Program (ECP), and students who are accepted into
3 the ECP at Valley Forge Military College are commissioned as
4 officers in the United States Army upon graduation and are also
5 awarded a scholarship and earnings; and

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

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

18 WHEREAS, Each individual appointed who meets the minimum
19 standard guidelines set each year by Valley Forge Military
20 College is guaranteed acceptance into the Valley Forge Military
21 College and is ACADEMICALLY eligible for an ECP scholarship and
22 admission into the ECP; and

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

28 WHEREAS, Valley Forge Military College will fund and provide
29 the Initiative Program scholarship to each legislative
30 appointee, and each legislative appointee is guaranteed



1 acceptance to Valley Forge Military College and to receipt of
2 the Initiative Program scholarship; and

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

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

10 WHEREAS, Upon admission, each legislative appointee will be
11 required to take the oath of allegiance administered by Valley
12 Forge Military College to support and defend the Constitution of
13 the United States and of the Commonwealth; and

14 WHEREAS, Upon acceptance, a certificate will be issued by
15 Valley Forge Military College evidencing the legislative
16 appointment and the member of the General Assembly who made the
17 appointment; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED (the Senate concurring), That the General Assembly
19 endorse and support the Valley Forge Military College
20 Legislative Appointment Initiative Program and urge members of
21 the General Assembly to immediately implement the procedures
22 necessary to select candidates for appointment to the semester
23 beginning in Fall 2009; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That the designation of Valley Forge Military
25 College, located in Wayne, be ratified and that the college be
26 again designated as the "Official Military College of
27 Pennsylvania"; and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That members of the General Assembly be encouraged
29 to appoint local selection committees to assist them in
30 identifying and selecting applicants for appointment and to help

1 ensure that the selection and appointment do not create any
2 conflicts of interest or otherwise violate 65 Pa.C.S. Ch. 11
3 (relating to ethics standards and financial disclosure).