

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, SEPTEMBER 19, 2011

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing November 10, 2011, as "Marine Corps Day" in
2 Pennsylvania in honor of the United States Marine Corps'
3 236th anniversary.

4 WHEREAS, The United States Marine Corps was founded as the
5 Continental Marines by a resolution passed by the Second
6 Continental Congress on November 10, 1775; and

7 WHEREAS, The Marine Corps has fought with great courage on
8 six continents and in every conflict in American history,
9 including the Revolutionary War, the Civil War, World War I,

1 World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam Conflict; and

2 WHEREAS, The Marine Corps is serving in support of Operation
3 Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

4 WHEREAS, The Marine Corps has fought valiantly in defense of
5 the United States and its citizens and principles; and

6 WHEREAS, There are approximately 201,000 active duty and
7 100,000 reserve members of the Marine Corps; and

8 WHEREAS, Marines recognize the Marine Corps as a tradition
9 built on time-honored values and principles; and

10 WHEREAS, Marines truly embody the motto of the Marine Corps:
11 "Semper Fidelis" translates from Latin as "always faithful" and
12 signifies the defense of freedom and democracy worldwide; and

13 WHEREAS, "*Raising of the Flag on Iwo Jima*," the famous
14 photograph by Joe Rosenthal, will always symbolize the triumph
15 and glory of the Marine Corps; and

16 WHEREAS, The Marine Corps' Air Ground Task Force integrates a
17 ground combat element, an aviation combat element and a
18 logistics combat element under a common command element; and

19 WHEREAS, Known for its amphibious and land capabilities, the
20 Air Ground Task Force operates independently or as part of a
21 larger coalition; and

22 WHEREAS, During World War I, Marines fought their famed
23 Battle at Belleau Wood, establishing their reputation of
24 toughness and fierceness; and

25 WHEREAS, The Marine Corps played a central role in the
26 liberation of the Pacific Islands during World War II; and

27 WHEREAS, The momentum of the Korean War shifted when the
28 Marine Corps, in conjunction with the Navy, launched a massive
29 amphibious attack at Inchon, surprising the North Koreans by
30 putting thousands of United States troops behind enemy lines;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, The Marine Corps participated in major offensives of
3 the Vietnam Conflict, engaging in guerrilla warfare,
4 implementing unconventional techniques for counterinsurgency and
5 working as military advisors to the Republic of Vietnam Marine
6 Corps; and

7 WHEREAS, From 1990 to 1992, Marines participated in Operation
8 Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm, leading the liberation
9 of Kuwait and the defeat of Iraqi forces; and

10 WHEREAS, The Marine Corps continues to make significant
11 contributions to the war on terrorism as part of Operation
12 Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

13 WHEREAS, The Marine Corps supports peacekeeping missions and
14 humanitarian operations in countries such as Liberia,
15 Bangladesh, the Philippines and Somalia; and

16 WHEREAS, Marine Corps Order No. 47, Series 192, written by
17 Major Commandant General John A. Lejeune, established the
18 mandatory celebration of the Marine Corps' anniversary;
19 therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize
21 November 10, 2011, as "Marine Corps Day" in Pennsylvania in
22 honor of the United States Marine Corps' 236th anniversary.