

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, JANUARY 25, 2012

## A RESOLUTION

1 Supporting the efforts of Vietnam Veteran's Memorial Fund to  
2 construct an underground learning facility at the Vietnam  
3 Veterans Memorial to inform future generations of the honor  
4 and sacrifices made by those who served their country.

5 WHEREAS, The Vietnam Veterans Memorial, also known as The  
6 Wall, is the most visited memorial in our nation's capital; and

7 WHEREAS, Engraved upon The Wall are the names of 58,272  
8 heroes, more than 3,100 from this Commonwealth, who valiantly  
9 gave their lives in service to our country during the Vietnam  
10 Conflict; and

11 WHEREAS, The dedication of The Wall nearly 30 years ago began  
12 the process of remembrance, healing and honoring those who  
13 served and died in the longest war in United States history; and

14 WHEREAS, Both Houses of the United States Congress have

1 unanimously authorized the building of a new underground  
2 education center across from The Wall; and

3 WHEREAS, The Education Center at The Wall will tell the  
4 stories behind the names on The Wall and draw attention to the  
5 sacrifices made by those who defend our freedom; and

6 WHEREAS, The Education Center at The Wall will display the  
7 images of the 58,272 casualties memorialized on The Wall, images  
8 of others who served in the Vietnam Conflict and in other wars,  
9 as well as an artifacts collection of more than 200,000 items  
10 left at The Wall and related educational material onsite and  
11 online; and

12 WHEREAS, The Education Center at The Wall will share and  
13 celebrate core values of duty, loyalty, respect, service, honor,  
14 courage and integrity; and

15 WHEREAS, The stories and values that will be showcased in the  
16 Education Center at The Wall must be preserved and shared with  
17 future generations; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the Education Center at The Wall be a valuable  
19 adjunct to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial that gives life and  
20 meaning to the names on The Wall for visitors from across the  
21 nation and around the world; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives wholeheartedly  
23 endorse the goals of the Education Center at The Wall and  
24 support this worthy project to commemorate the sacrifices of  
25 those who serve, those who fall and those who wait for them at  
26 home.