

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MARCH 21, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating the 151st anniversary of the origin of Taps, our  
2 nation's most recognizable bugle call.

3 WHEREAS, The military bugle call Taps is our nation's most  
4 recognizable bugle call, whose forceful music and use is  
5 employed by the United States military at funerals, memorial  
6 services and wreath-laying ceremonies; and

7 WHEREAS, The signal of Extinguish Lights at the end of the  
8 day was revised by Union General Daniel Butterfield, with the  
9 help of his brigade's bugler, Oliver Willcox Norton in July  
10 1862, into the music for Taps; and

11 WHEREAS, Taps, also known as "Butterfield's Lullaby," began  
12 to be used by other units of the Union Army and may have been  
13 used by the Confederates; and

14 WHEREAS, It was made an official bugle call after the Civil  
15 War and its mandatory use at military funeral ceremonies dates

1 back to 1891; and

2 WHEREAS, There are no official lyrics to Taps, but the  
3 following verses are the most popular:

4 Day is done, gone the sun

5 From the lake, from the hill

6 From the sky

7 All is well, safely rest,

8 God is nigh

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10 Thanks and praise,

11 For our days,

12 'Neath the sun, 'neath the

13 stars, 'neath the sky,

14 As we go, this we know,

15 God is nigh

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17 Fades the light, And afar

18 Goeth day, And the stars

19 Shineth bright,

20 Fare thee well, day has gone,

21 Night is on

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23 Go to sleep, peaceful sleep,

24 May the soldier or sailor,

25 God keep

26 On the land or the deep,

27 Safe in sleep;

28 and

29 WHEREAS, Its powerful melody invokes reflection of and honor  
30 for the men and women that served this country; therefore be it

1       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commemorate the  
2 151st anniversary of the origin of Taps, our nation's most  
3 recognizable bugle call.