
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY BAKER, GREENLEAF, YAW, ERICKSON, WOZNIAK,
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TEPLITZ, RAFFERTY, SMITH, EICHELBERGER, KASUNIC, BREWSTER,
FARNESE, DINNIMAN, WAUGH, ALLOWAY, PILEGGI, WHITE AND
HUTCHINSON, JUNE 10, 2013

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of June 9 through 15, 2013, as "State
2 Veterans' Homes Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The history of our nation reflects the memories of
4 the men and women who have succeeded in preserving our freedom,
5 over the course of more than two centuries, and whose task,
6 while unquantifiable in terms of sacrifice and commitment,
7 stands as a lasting tribute to the ideals we value as Americans;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, These heroes relinquished a part of their lives in
10 defense of the United States and their struggles will never be
11 forgotten, overlooked or underestimated; and

12 WHEREAS, Those who served this nation in the United States
13 Armed Forces forever carry the virtues of liberty, freedom and
14 the right to independence, and we, as citizens of the United
15 States of America, owe an incalculable debt to these men and
16 women, and we should take time to thank each of these American

1 heroes, past and present; and

2 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth has, for more than 100 years,
3 provided a home for these distinguished veterans in need; and

4 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania will continue to honor its veterans by
5 providing them with the support they so richly deserve; and

6 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania offers its veterans and their spouses
7 exceptional around-the-clock care through a network of six
8 extended-care facilities located in major population centers
9 throughout this Commonwealth; and

10 WHEREAS, These six homes serve more than 1,500 eligible
11 veterans and their spouses; and

12 WHEREAS, These facilities, offering personal care, skilled
13 nursing care, domiciliary care and dementia care, rate
14 exceptionally high in patient satisfaction levels compared to
15 the national average; and

16 WHEREAS, This system is comprised of the Delaware Valley
17 Veterans' Home, the Gino J. Merli Veterans' Center,
18 Hollidaysburg Veterans' Home, Pennsylvania Soldiers and Sailors
19 Home, Southeastern Veterans' Center and Southwestern Veterans'
20 Center; therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, That in recognition of our veterans and veterans'
22 homes, the Senate designate the week of June 9 through 15, 2013,
23 as "State Veterans' Homes Week" in Pennsylvania and encourage
24 all citizens to visit a State-supported home in Erie,
25 Hollidaysburg, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Scranton or Spring City
26 and thank these cherished veterans and the dedicated personnel
27 who serve them.