
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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TAYLOR, VEREB, WATSON AND YOUNGBLOOD, APRIL 20, 2015

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, APRIL 20, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Congress of the United States to expeditiously
2 address the health, social and economic needs of our female
3 veterans.

4 WHEREAS, Today, women play an unprecedented role in our armed
5 forces, with 280,000 having served with honor and courage in
6 Iraq and Afghanistan alone; and

7 WHEREAS, In these conflicts, women have served in roles
8 previously closed to them, placing themselves in harm's way and
9 often as close to combat as their male counterparts while
10 simultaneously paving the way for future women in the military
11 with their bravery and irreplaceable contributions; and

12 WHEREAS, Many of these warriors bear visible and invisible
13 wounds as a cost of their military service when they return
14 home; and

15 WHEREAS, There is a desperate need for a cultural shift which
16 respects and values these women as warriors who deserve every

1 benefit they have fought for and earned with their service to
2 this great country; and

3 WHEREAS, The Department of Defense, Department of Veterans
4 Affairs and other Federal partners must recognize and address
5 the unique challenges faced by women returning from combat
6 deployment, including their physical, mental and social health,
7 as these injuries can keep veterans from readjusting in their
8 occupations, their education and their relationships; and

9 WHEREAS, Some challenges that female veterans face in greater
10 proportion include homelessness, inadequate health facilities
11 and services at Veterans Administration facilities, military
12 sexual trauma and isolation; and

13 WHEREAS, The Disabled American Veterans' report entitled
14 "Women Veterans: The Long Journey Home" outlines many of the
15 specific institutional and cultural challenges and provides
16 solutions and recommendations to create a better homecoming for
17 our female veterans; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
19 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the Congress of the United
20 States to expeditiously address the health, social and economic
21 needs of female veterans and honor female veterans with the
22 respect and benefits they deserve; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
24 each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.