
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 346 Session of
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DEAN, MAY 18, 2015

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MAY 18, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing 2015 as the "Year of the Veteran in Pennsylvania" to
2 highlight and celebrate the accomplishments of veterans as
3 well as to continue to raise public awareness of issues
4 related to veterans and the ongoing initiatives to serve
5 those who have served their country.

6 WHEREAS, Philadelphia is the birthplace of the United States
7 Army, United States Navy and United States Marine Corps,
8 establishing a link between our city and those who have served
9 our country dating back to pre-Revolutionary War times; and

10 WHEREAS, According to the Pennsylvania Department of Military
11 and Veterans Affairs, our active duty and retired military
12 personnel have an economic impact of \$1.5 billion in our
13 communities across this Commonwealth; and

14 WHEREAS, Veterans of past wars and peace time as well as

those returning from overseas military duty to this Commonwealth
are part of the foundation of our community; and

WHEREAS, Veterans have served our country in the armed forces
and put themselves in harm's way, without regard for their
personal safety, to protect us and preserve our liberties; and

WHEREAS, There are roughly one million veterans and their
families living in this Commonwealth with service spanning World
War II to the present, men and women of all races, religions,
ethnicity, gender identifications and physical abilities; and

WHEREAS, Veterans offer our Commonwealth a talented and
experienced pool of leaders, workers and neighbors; and

WHEREAS, Many veterans face challenges living to their
fullest potential because of the injuries, both mental and
physical, suffered during their service; and

WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans
Affairs provides resources and assistance to this Commonwealth's
military veterans and their families, providing quality care for
aging and disabled veterans; and

WHEREAS, The Veterans' Trust Fund, benefiting veterans and
their families, has grown significantly thanks to generous
donations from residents of this Commonwealth who voluntarily
make a \$3 donation when applying for or renewing their driver's
license or renewing a motor vehicle registration; and

WHEREAS, The proceeds from the sale of the "Honoring our
Veterans" license plate have also contributed to the growth of
the Veterans' Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, The Veterans' Trust Fund will sponsor the first ever
Veterans Appreciation Day on Saturday, October 10, 2015, at Fort
Indiantown Gap; and

WHEREAS, This one-day event is designed to provide veterans,

1 service members and their families with information on a wide
2 range of benefits and services that are available to them; and

3 WHEREAS, Philadelphia became the first city in America to
4 offer a tax credit to employers hiring returning veterans which
5 will be assessed and modified as needed in 2015; therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize 2015 as
7 the "Year of the Veteran in Pennsylvania" to highlight and
8 celebrate the accomplishments of veterans as well as to continue
9 to raise public awareness of issues related to veterans and the
10 ongoing initiatives to serve those who have served their
11 country.