
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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GOODMAN, ELLIS AND McNEILL, NOVEMBER 16, 2015

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
NOVEMBER 16, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Celebrating the National Guard on its 379th birthday.

2 WHEREAS, The National Guard, as the organized militia of the
3 United States, was born in Boston, Massachusetts, on December
4 13, 1636; and

5 WHEREAS, The Massachusetts General Court declared that the
6 colony's existing militia companies be organized into three
7 regiments, of which four Army National Guard units are descended
8 from those original regiments and are the oldest units in the
9 United States military; and

10 WHEREAS, Citizen-soldiers answered the call and assembled for
11 military training on the Salem common in the spring of 1637 at
12 the "First Muster of a militia regiment"; and

1 WHEREAS, By the 19th century, the term "National Guard"
2 replaced "militia" as a tribute to the Marquis de Lafayette,
3 General George Washington's trusted confidant; and

4 WHEREAS, The National Guard still holds true by upholding
5 unique characteristics that enabled success during the
6 Revolutionary War and by having high standards of
7 professionalism and diverse proficiency that have evolved over
8 three centuries of working in communities across the United
9 States; and

10 WHEREAS, Today's National Guard consists of citizen-soldiers
11 and airmen who provide protection from natural disasters and
12 other hazards, training regularly to sharpen readiness skills in
13 the name of benefiting their local communities in this
14 Commonwealth; and

15 WHEREAS, The National Guard has also developed into an active
16 ready force deploying to faraway countries to protect the
17 interest of the United States abroad; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives celebrate and
19 congratulate the United States National Guard on its 379th
20 birthday on Sunday, December 13, 2015; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be presented to the
22 Pennsylvania National Guard.