

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 746 Session of 2015

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MARCH 18, 2016

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating March 30, 2016, as "Pennsylvania Female Veterans
2 Day."

3 WHEREAS, Women have a long, courageous and often unrecognized
4 history in providing military service to our country; and

5 WHEREAS, Women traditionally served as nurses, typists and
6 clerks and in other support roles; and

7 WHEREAS, Prior to the Civil War, women who wanted to serve on
8 the front lines were forced to disguise themselves as men in
9 order to serve; and

10 WHEREAS, It was not until the end of World War I that women
11 were permitted to join the military, and even then it was only
12 during wartime; and

13 WHEREAS, With the passage of the Women's Armed Services

1 Integration Act in 1948, women were finally allowed to serve as
2 permanent members of the military and entitled to veterans
3 benefits; and

4 WHEREAS, In the last two decades, the value of women in the
5 military has continued to be recognized with landmark
6 achievements such as the first women to graduate from the
7 Virginia Military Institute and the Citadel, the first female
8 fighter pilots flying combat missions in Iraq and the first
9 woman to command a United States naval ship; and

10 WHEREAS, In 2015, we saw yet another extraordinary
11 achievement for women in the military with the first female
12 graduates of the Army's elite Ranger School as well as the
13 Department of Defense announcing that women will be fully
14 integrated into all positions, including combat positions,
15 throughout all the armed forces; and

16 WHEREAS, The number of United States female veterans totals
17 more than 2 million, a number which represents 10% of the total
18 of all United States veterans, with this Commonwealth's female
19 veterans numbered at 71,287; and

20 WHEREAS, The selflessness and bravery that these women
21 exhibit in keeping our country safe and protecting our freedoms
22 shall no longer go unrecognized; and

23 WHEREAS, Today we rightly salute the accomplishments of the
24 more than 71,000 female veterans living in this Commonwealth;
25 therefore be it

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate March
27 30, 2016, as "Pennsylvania Female Veterans Day"; and be it
28 further

29 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
30 the Pennsylvania Commission on Women.