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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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V. BROWN, JUNE 14, 2016

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
JUNE 14, 2016

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of June 11 through 18, 2016, 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

1 States of America, owe an incalculable debt to these men and  
2 women, and we should take time to thank each of these American  
3 heroes, past and present; and

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

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

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

12 WHEREAS, These 6 homes serve more than 1,500 eligible  
13 veterans and their spouses; and

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

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

23 RESOLVED, That in recognition of our veterans and veterans'  
24 homes, the Senate designate the week of June 11 through 18,  
25 2016, as "State Veterans' Homes Week" in Pennsylvania and  
26 encourage all residents to visit a State-supported home in Erie,  
27 Hollidaysburg, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Scranton or Spring City  
28 and thank these cherished veterans and the dedicated personnel  
29 who serve them.