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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, APRIL 10, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing November 10, 2017, as "Marine Corps Day" in
 2 Pennsylvania in honor of the United States Marine Corps'
 3 birthday.

4 WHEREAS, The United States Marine Corps was founded as the
 5 Continental Marines by a resolution passed by the Second
 6 Continental Congress on November 10, 1775, which raised two
 7 battalions of Marines; and

8 WHEREAS, The birth of the Marine Corps was to augment naval
 9 forces and the Tun Tavern on Water Street in Philadelphia, the
 10 original recruiting headquarters, is considered the Marine
 11 Corps' birthplace; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1798, President John Adams signed the law
 13 establishing the Marine Corps as a permanent military force
 14 under the jurisdiction of the Department of Navy; and

1 WHEREAS, The Marine Corps has fought with great courage on
2 six continents and in every conflict in American history,
3 including the Revolutionary War, the Civil War, World War I,
4 World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam Conflict; and

5 WHEREAS, The Marine Corps has also served in support of
6 Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and Operation Iraqi
7 Freedom; and

8 WHEREAS, The Marine Corps has fought valiantly in defense of
9 the United States and its citizens and principles; and

10 WHEREAS, There are approximately 183,000 active duty and more
11 than 34,000 reserve members of the Marine Corps; and

12 WHEREAS, Marines recognize the Marine Corps as a tradition
13 built on time-honored values and principles; and

14 WHEREAS, Marines truly embody the motto of the Marine Corps:
15 Semper Fidelis which translates from Latin as "always faithful"
16 and signifies the defense of freedom and democracy worldwide;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, "Raising of the Flag on Iwo Jima," the famous
19 photograph by Joe Rosenthal, will always symbolize the triumph
20 and glory of the Marine Corps; and

21 WHEREAS, The Marine Air Ground Task Force integrates a ground
22 combat element, an aviation combat element and a logistics
23 combat element under a common command element; and

24 WHEREAS, Known for amphibious and land capabilities, the
25 Marine Air-Ground Task Force operates independently or as part
26 of a larger coalition; and

27 WHEREAS, During World War I, Marines fought the famed Battle
28 at Belleau Wood, establishing a reputation for toughness and
29 fierceness; and

30 WHEREAS, The Marine Corps played a central role in the

1 liberation of the Pacific Islands during World War II; and
2 WHEREAS, The momentum of the Korean War shifted when the
3 Marine Corps, in conjunction with the Navy, launched a massive
4 amphibious attack at Inchon, surprising the North Koreans by
5 putting thousands of United States troops behind enemy lines;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, The Marine Corps participated in major offensives of
8 the Vietnam Conflict, engaging in guerrilla warfare,
9 implementing unconventional techniques for counterinsurgency and
10 working as military advisors to the Republic of Vietnam Marine
11 Corps; and

12 WHEREAS, From 1990 to 1992, Marines participated in Operation
13 Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm, leading the liberation
14 of Kuwait and the defeat of Iraqi forces; and

15 WHEREAS, The Marine Corps continues to make significant
16 contributions to the war on terrorism; and

17 WHEREAS, The Marine Corps supports peacekeeping missions and
18 humanitarian operations in numerous countries, including
19 Liberia, Bangladesh, the Philippines and Somalia; and

20 WHEREAS, Marine Corps Order No. 47, Series 192, written by
21 Lieutenant General John A. Lejeune, Major General Commandant of
22 the Marine Corps, established the mandatory celebration of the
23 Marine Corps' birthday; and

24 WHEREAS, Balls and banquets have been added to the
25 celebration starting with the first formal dance in 1923 at Fort
26 Mifflin Marine Barracks; therefore be it

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize
28 November 10, 2017, as "Marine Corps Day" in Pennsylvania in
29 honor of the United States Marine Corps' birthday.