

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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SANCHEZ, NEILSON, DALEY, MENTZER, HOWARD, O'MARA AND GREEN,
DECEMBER 5, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND INDUSTRY, DECEMBER 5, 2023

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating March 21, 2024, as "Rosie the Riveter Day" in
2 Pennsylvania and honoring the service and contributions of
3 the millions of women who entered the workforce during World
4 War II.

5 WHEREAS, During World War II, 16 million American men left
6 their jobs in order to fight the Axis powers around the world;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Millions of vacant jobs were filled by women who
9 traditionally did not work in the manufacturing sector; and

10 WHEREAS, In an effort to recruit women into the workforce,
11 the Federal Government began a campaign that included magazine
12 articles appealing to women; and

13 WHEREAS, On the cover of the May 29, 1943, edition of the
14 *Saturday Evening Post*, Norman Rockwell illustrated the first
15 Rosie the Riveter; and

16 WHEREAS, The millions of women who helped to support the war
17 effort began to identify with Rosie the Riveter; and

1 WHEREAS, Among those identifying with this imagery were the
2 thousands of women from this Commonwealth who helped
3 Pennsylvania become "The Arsenal of America"; and

4 WHEREAS, These women built ships at the Philadelphia Naval
5 Shipyard, assembled anti-aircraft guns at the Naval Ordnance
6 Plant in York, assisted with the production of heavy trucks at
7 the Mack Manufacturing Corporation in Allentown, overhauled
8 battle-worn airplanes at the Harrisburg Shops in Middletown and
9 worked in the steel mills of Allegheny County; and

10 WHEREAS, During World War II, the working women of this
11 Commonwealth and the United States saw Rosie the Riveter as an
12 icon of female patriotism and a symbol of what was necessary to
13 support the war effort on the home front; and

14 WHEREAS, In the fall of 2020, Congress passed and the
15 President signed into law the Rosie the Riveter Congressional
16 Gold Medal Act, which collectively awards the Congressional Gold
17 Medal to all of the women who entered the workforce during World
18 War II and identify as Rosie the Riveter; therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate March
20 21, 2024, as "Rosie the Riveter Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it
21 further

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the service
23 and contributions of the millions of women who entered the
24 workforce during World War II.