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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MAY 7, 2003

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating May 7, 2003, as "Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day"
2 in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Beginning in 1950 and ending with troop evacuations
4 in 1975, the Vietnam War was the longest conflict in American
5 history; and

6 WHEREAS, More than 300,000 service members were wounded in
7 Vietnam, approximately 75,000 were severely disabled and of the
8 58,000 killed, 3,142 were from this Commonwealth; and

1 WHEREAS, Members of the armed forces of the United States
2 stationed in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War served our
3 nation under the most trying conditions, at a time when the
4 nation was divided in its support; and

5 WHEREAS, Since their return these veterans have contributed
6 tremendously to their communities, states and nation in an
7 effort to advance the American ideals and aims for which they
8 fought; and

9 WHEREAS, The people of this Commonwealth must never forget
10 the pain and suffering that lingers today for the men and women
11 who fought with honor and distinction in the name of freedom and
12 democracy for all; and

13 WHEREAS, The people of this Commonwealth acknowledge the
14 courage, sacrifice, honor and positive achievements of our
15 nation's Vietnam veterans and their families, and we warmly and
16 proudly welcome these veterans home; and

17 WHEREAS, All patriotic citizens, and especially the Vietnam
18 veteran community of this Commonwealth along with families and
19 friends, appreciate and remember those Americans who served and
20 fought, those who are missing, those who were wounded and those
21 who died during this era; and

22 WHEREAS, Vietnam veterans seek public recognition of these
23 sacrifices, advocate commemoration of United States involvement
24 in Vietnam and reaffirm the dedication to duty, honor and
25 courage of their fellow Vietnam combat veterans; therefore be it

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate May 7,
27 2003, as "Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day" in Pennsylvania and
28 welcome home our sons and daughters who contributed to the
29 security of the United States through honorable military service
30 in Vietnam.