

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 142 Session of
2007

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MARCH 19, 2007

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MARCH 19, 2007

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 25, 2007, as "National Medal of Honor Day."

2 WHEREAS, The Medal of Honor, the highest award for valor in
3 action against an enemy force that can be bestowed to a member
4 of the armed forces, is awarded by the President, in the name of
5 Congress, to individuals who have distinguished themselves
6 conspicuously by gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of their
7 lives, above and beyond the call of duty; and

8 WHEREAS, The people of Pennsylvania will forever be in debt
9 to the recipients of the Medal of Honor for their bravery and
10 sacrifice in times of war or armed conflict; and

11 WHEREAS, The first Medal of Honor awards were presented to

1 six men on March 25, 1863, by the Secretary of War; and

2 WHEREAS, Only 3,443 individuals out of the millions of men
3 and women who have served the United States in war, military
4 operations or armed conflicts have been awarded the Medal of
5 Honor; and

6 WHEREAS, There were 111 living recipients of the Medal of
7 Honor as of January 1, 2007; and

8 WHEREAS, Records show that Pennsylvania ranks second among
9 states, with 377 Medals of Honor recipients; and

10 WHEREAS, It is appropriate to commemorate and honor the
11 recipients of the Medal of Honor; and

12 WHEREAS, The people of Pennsylvania and the United States
13 should always be aware of the significance and meaning of the
14 Medal of Honor; and

15 WHEREAS, On February 15, 2007, the Congress designated March
16 25, 2007, as "National Medal of Honor Day" in support of the
17 efforts of national, State and local organizations striving to
18 foster public appreciation and recognition of Medal of Honor
19 recipients; and

20 WHEREAS, March 25, 2007, is an appropriate date to observe
21 "National Medal of Honor Day"; therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives, to commemorate
23 the heroism and sacrifice of Medal of Honor recipients and to
24 promote public awareness of their individual valor, recognize
25 March 25, 2007, as "National Medal of Honor Day"; and be it
26 further

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives support the goals
28 and ideals of a "National Medal of Honor Day" to celebrate the
29 contributions of Medal of Honor recipients.