

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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R. STEVENSON, J. TAYLOR, TRUE, TURZAI AND VEREB, JULY 3, 2007

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
JULY 3, 2007

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of July 7 through 15, 2007, as "Colonel  
2 Phillip Neuweiler Memorial Ranger Training School Week" in  
3 Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, The Civil Air Patrol was established in 1941 as the  
5 official civilian auxiliary of the United States Air Force; and

6 WHEREAS, The Civil Air Patrol is an all-volunteer force  
7 comprised of more than 64,000 members nationwide and 2,500  
8 Pennsylvania Wing members; and

9 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Wing Ranger Program is a  
10 noncombatant resource of the Air Force, performing three primary  
11 missions: Emergency Services, Aerospace Education and Cadet  
12 Programs; and

13 WHEREAS, The Civil Air Patrol builds strong citizens for the  
14 future by providing leadership training, technical education,  
15 scholarships and career education to young men and women 12 to

1 21 years of age; and

2 WHEREAS, In response to the need for ground support for air  
3 search missions, the concept of the Ranger Team was born under  
4 the leadership of Colonel Phillip Neuweiler; and

5 WHEREAS, The Hawk Mountain Ranger School staffed by USAF and  
6 Staff Cadets, trains rescuers in survival, search and rescue and  
7 gained national prominence in the early 1960s; and

8 WHEREAS, The Hawk Mountain Ranger School is linked to related  
9 schools in Florida, Mississippi, Puerto Rico and Washington  
10 having staff trained at the Hawk Mountain Ranger School; and

11 WHEREAS, Additional states are now looking to follow this  
12 successful model; and

13 WHEREAS, Emergency Services includes air search and rescue  
14 missions, homeland security, disaster relief, counterdrug  
15 missions, aerial reconnaissance and imaging support and  
16 communications support at the request of Federal, State and  
17 local agencies; and

18 WHEREAS, The Colonel Phillip Neuweiler Memorial Ranger  
19 Training School of the Pennsylvania Wing runs from July 7  
20 through 15, 2007, at the Fort Indiantown Gap National Guard  
21 Training Site in Lebanon County; and

22 WHEREAS, The cadet leadership schools annually provide  
23 approximately 425 cadets the knowledge and training necessary to  
24 function as a cadet leader in the Civil Air Patrol, to serve in  
25 various leadership roles within their squadron, group and wing  
26 and to become a part of a prequalified and motivated pool of  
27 future community and military leaders; and

28 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania Wing Cadets have proven track records  
29 of becoming tomorrow's leaders, with a large number receiving  
30 educational and scholarship opportunities in the Air Force

1 Academy, West Point and Annapolis; and

2 WHEREAS, The Colonel Phillip Neuweiler Memorial Ranger  
3 Training School and the Pennsylvania Wing Ranger Program, the  
4 model for many of the search and rescue programs throughout the  
5 United States, continues to be the longest-running school of  
6 search and rescue; therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
8 week of July 7 through 15, 2007, as "Colonel Phillip Neuweiler  
9 Memorial Ranger Training School Week" in Pennsylvania.