

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 424 Session of
2009

INTRODUCED BY DRUCKER, ADOLPH, LENTZ, McCALL, EACHUS, BARBIN, BARRAR, BELFANTI, BENNINGHOFF, BRENNAN, CALTAGIRONE, CHRISTIANA, D. COSTA, DeLUCA, DENLINGER, DeWEESE, FAIRCHILD, FLECK, FRANKEL, GEORGE, GODSHALL, GOODMAN, GRELL, GRUCELA, HESS, HORNAMAN, JOHNSON, KNOWLES, KORTZ, KULA, MANN, MARKOSEK, McGEEHAN, McILVAINE SMITH, MENSCH, MIRABITO, MURT, O'NEILL, PARKER, PASHINSKI, PICKETT, PYLE, QUINN, RAPP, READSHAW, SABATINA, SANTARSIERO, SANTONI, SCAVELLO, SIPTROTH, SONNEY, STERN, SWANGER, TALLMAN, TRUE, WALKO AND YOUNGBLOOD, JULY 28, 2009

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, JULY 28, 2009

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 Ratifying the designation of Valley Forge Military College as
2 the Official Military College of Pennsylvania, endorsing and
3 encouraging participation in the Valley Forge Military
4 College Legislative Appointment Initiative Program.

5 WHEREAS, The Valley Forge Military College Legislative
6 Appointment Initiative Program (Initiative Program) serves to
7 identify young men and women who possess or have demonstrated
8 the highest physical, intellectual, moral and leadership
9 potential and service-to-country-orientation and who have an
10 interest in attending the two-year, postsecondary educational
11 institution at Valley Forge Military College, the "Official
12 Military College of Pennsylvania" and to help facilitate their
13 receipt of financial assistance to attend the college; and

14 WHEREAS, The Initiative Program may be used to complement the
15 Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) and the Early

Commissioning Program (ECP), and students who are accepted into the ECP at Valley Forge Military College are commissioned as officers in the United States Army upon graduation and are also awarded a scholarship and earnings; and

WHEREAS, Financial allowances and an \$8,500 scholarship under the Initiative Program can provide a student with a cost-free postsecondary education; and

WHEREAS, This program is open to all men and women, regardless of race, creed, ethnicity or nationality, who are legal residents of this Commonwealth, who have successfully completed and graduated from a secondary school and who are believed to possess the intellectual, moral and leadership potential and the skills or accomplishments to successfully matriculate at the Official Military College of Pennsylvania or who otherwise meet the academic, intellectual, moral and physical eligibility standards of the college; and

WHEREAS, Each individual appointed who meets the minimum standard guidelines set each year by Valley Forge Military College is guaranteed acceptance into the Valley Forge Military College and is eligible for an ECP scholarship and admission into the ECP; and

WHEREAS, Each senator and each representative will be authorized to appoint a legislative appointee to the freshman class each year, and each legislative appointee will receive an Initiative Program scholarship for each year of their two years of attendance at Valley Forge Military College; and

WHEREAS, Valley Forge Military College will fund and provide the Initiative Program scholarship to each legislative appointee, and each legislative appointee is guaranteed acceptance to Valley Forge Military College and to receipt of

1 the Initiative Program scholarship; and

2 WHEREAS, Accepted students will officially be placed into
3 nomination for an ROTC scholarship; and

4 WHEREAS, The legislative appointee is not required to enter
5 the ROTC or the ECP but, by doing so, can become a commissioned
6 officer in the United States Army upon graduation from Valley
7 Forge Military College and essentially have a 100% scholarship
8 to Valley Forge Military College; and

9 WHEREAS, Upon admission, each legislative appointee will be
10 required to take the oath of allegiance administered by Valley
11 Forge Military College to support and defend the Constitution of
12 the United States and of the Commonwealth; and

13 WHEREAS, Upon acceptance, a certificate will be issued by
14 Valley Forge Military College evidencing the legislative
15 appointment and the member of the General Assembly who made the
16 appointment; therefore be it

17 RESOLVED (the Senate concurring), That the General Assembly
18 endorse and support the Valley Forge Military College
19 Legislative Appointment Initiative Program and urge members of
20 the General Assembly to immediately implement the procedures
21 necessary to select candidates for appointment to the semester
22 beginning in Fall 2009; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That the designation of Valley Forge Military
24 College, located in Wayne, be ratified and that the college be
25 again designated as the "Official Military College of
26 Pennsylvania"; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That members of the General Assembly be encouraged
28 to appoint local selection committees to assist them in
29 identifying and selecting applicants for appointment and to help
30 ensure that the selection and appointment do not create any

1 conflicts of interest or otherwise violate 65 Pa.C.S. Ch. 11
2 (relating to ethics standards and financial disclosure).