

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 491 Session of 2011

INTRODUCED BY SCAVELLO, BAKER, BOYD, CALTAGIRONE, CLYMER, COHEN, D. COSTA, DALEY, DENLINGER, ELLIS, EVERETT, FLECK, GEIST, GEORGE, GILLEN, GINGRICH, GOODMAN, GRELL, HENNESSEY, HESS, F. KELLER, KNOWLES, MAJOR, MANN, MARSICO, MICOZZIE, MILLARD, MIRABITO, MUSTIO, PEIFER, RAPP, READSHAW, ROCK, ROSS, STABACK, STEVENSON, SWANGER, TOOIL, YOUNGBLOOD AND WHEATLEY, OCTOBER 31, 2011

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, OCTOBER 31, 2011

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending John Dickson for his outstanding efforts to provide
2 children with Christmas toys by helping the Marine Corps Toys
3 for Tots program in Monroe County.

4 WHEREAS, The Marine Corps Toys for Tots program seeks to put
5 toys into the hands of disadvantaged deserving children at
6 Christmastime; and

7 WHEREAS, When parents struggle to buy food and pay heating
8 bills, children unfortunately sometimes have to learn to do
9 without toys at the holidays, making a surprise gift deeply
10 meaningful; and

11 WHEREAS, Although a civilian, John Dickson became involved
12 with the Marine Corps Toys for Tots program in Monroe County in
13 2003, and by 2005 his efforts helped to establish the program in
14 Monroe County as one of the most successful in Pennsylvania; and

15 WHEREAS, Close to 9,000 children are served by the program in

1 Monroe County, receiving books and stocking stuffers; and
2 WHEREAS, Mr. Dickson strives to provide each child with four
3 gifts, because "When people lose jobs in Monroe County, their
4 children become our children. Every child deserves a Christmas";
5 and

6 WHEREAS, This modern day Santa Claus received the Chapel of
7 the Four Chaplains Award and the Salvation Army's Distinguished
8 Service Award because of his dedication to the Marine Corps Toys
9 for Tots program; therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commend John
11 Dickson for his outstanding efforts to provide children with
12 Christmas toys by helping the Marine Corps Toys for Tots program
13 in Monroe County.