

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 722 Session of  
2012

INTRODUCED BY BARBIN, READSHAW, GEORGE, CALTAGIRONE, MAHONEY,  
HORNAMAN AND PERRY, MAY 9, 2012

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MAY 9,  
2012

## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating May 11, 2012, as "Military Spouse Appreciation Day"  
2 in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, In 1969, the Military Wives association was formed  
4 by a small group of wives and widows who gathered to voice their  
5 concerns about inadequate support for military families who had  
6 lost loved ones; and

7 WHEREAS, In 1984, "Military Spouse Appreciation Day" was  
8 first celebrated when President Ronald Reagan proclaimed the  
9 observance to honor the contributions of military spouses; and

10 WHEREAS, Military spouses embody the courage, sense of duty  
11 and love of country that inspire every American; and

12 WHEREAS, Military spouses make tremendous sacrifices,  
13 including enduring long separations, assuming household  
14 responsibilities and caring for children while their loved ones  
15 are away; and

16 WHEREAS, Military spouses act with patience, selflessness and  
17 compassion while serving as the front line of this country's

1 conscience to ensure the appropriate care of soldiers returning  
2 from duty with serious conditions, including traumatic brain  
3 injuries and post-traumatic stress disorder; and

4 WHEREAS, Many military spouses are also volunteers in their  
5 communities who serve the needs of other military families; and

6 WHEREAS, The nation benefits from the sacrifices of military  
7 families, and is inspired by their courage, strength and  
8 leadership; and

9 WHEREAS, On "Military Spouses Appreciation Day" and  
10 throughout the year, we honor the commitment military spouses  
11 have made to their loved ones, our country and freedom;  
12 therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate May 11,  
14 2012, as "Military Spouse Appreciation Day" in Pennsylvania.