

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 656 Session of 2014

INTRODUCED BY GILLEN, BARRAR, AUMENT, BAKER, BENNINGHOFF, BOBACK, B. BOYLE, BROOKS, V. BROWN, CAUSER, COHEN, CONKLIN, D. COSTA, COX, SCHLEGEL CULVER, CUTLER, DeLUCA, DENLINGER, DiGIROLAMO, EVERETT, FLYNN, GINGRICH, GODSHALL, GOODMAN, GRELL, GROVE, HAGGERTY, HARHAI, HARHART, C. HARRIS, HENNESSEY, HICKERNELL, KAUFFMAN, KAVULICH, W. KELLER, KINSEY, KIRKLAND, KNOWLES, KORTZ, LONGIETTI, LUCAS, MAJOR, MALONEY, MARSICO, MCCARTER, McGEEHAN, MCNEILL, MENTZER, METCALFE, MILLARD, R. MILLER, MILNE, MIRABITO, MURT, OBERLANDER, PAYNE, PEIFER, PETRI, PICKETT, QUINN, READSHAW, ROCK, ROZZI, SACCONI, SAMUELSON, SONNEY, STERN, STEVENSON, THOMAS, TOEPEL, VEREB, WATSON AND YOUNGBLOOD, FEBRUARY 20, 2014

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, FEBRUARY 20, 2014

A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating June 6, 2014, as "D-Day" in Pennsylvania.

2 WHEREAS, June 6, 2014, marks the 70th anniversary of the D-
3 Day invasion of Normandy, an Allied Forces operation to end the
4 occupation of Germany in France; and

5 WHEREAS, Armed forces of the United States, England, Canada
6 and France banded together to deploy 156,000 troops, of which
7 73,000 were American, 11,590 planes and 6,939 vessels to produce
8 the long planned "Operation Overlord"; and

9 WHEREAS, The initial assault phase, "Operation Neptune,"
10 began at midnight, on June 6, 1944, with an airborne assault
11 choreographed by the American, British and Canadian Air Corps;
12 and

1 WHEREAS, Soldiers landed on Gold Beach, Sword Beach, Omaha
2 Beach, Juno Beach and Utah Beach in the early morning of June 6,
3 1944, to begin the assault on the German forces; and

4 WHEREAS, The casualties of D-Day numbered 10,500 allies,
5 including 2,700 Americans, resulting in the death of 4,413
6 allies, with 1,465 Americans losing their lives in the invasion,
7 while 7,500 allies were injured, including 3,184 Americans, with
8 many more missing or captured; and

9 WHEREAS, The assault continued under "Operation Overlord" by
10 pushing further into France and ended once the allies crossed
11 the River Seine on August 19, 1944; and

12 WHEREAS, There were 226,386 allied casualties, including
13 36,976 deaths and 153,475 wounded, of which 20,838 Americans
14 were killed and 94,881 were injured, during "Operation Overload;
15 therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commemorate June
17 6, 2014, as "D-Day"; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage local
19 governments and communities throughout this Commonwealth to
20 conduct appropriate "D-Day" observances to ensure that the many
21 sacrifices of that day are not forgotten.