

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY DINNIMAN AND BAKER, MAY 8, 2013

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating May 20, 2013, as "Medal of Honor Grove Day" in  
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The Medal of Honor is our nation's highest military  
4 honor and has been bestowed upon fewer than 3,500 individuals  
5 since its inception in 1862; and

6 WHEREAS, The Freedoms Foundation's Medal of Honor Grove in  
7 Schuylkill Township, Chester County, is the nation's oldest  
8 memorial site dedicated to Medal of Honor recipients; and

9 WHEREAS, The Medal of Honor Grove was dedicated in 1964  
10 through the work of President Dwight D. Eisenhower, General Omar  
11 Bradley and others; and

12 WHEREAS, At the dedication it was made clear that the Medal  
13 of Honor Grove was in perpetuity to remain a place of honor and  
14 respect for Medal of Honor recipients; and

15 WHEREAS, The Medal of Honor Grove in recent decades has  
16 fallen into disrepair due to financial challenges and as  
17 recently as 2010 suffered from severely overgrown vegetation,  
18 fallen trees, damaged and missing markers and a deteriorated

1 service road; and

2 WHEREAS, In response, a community of elected officials, Medal  
3 of Honor recipients, veterans organizations, active-duty  
4 military personnel, students and ordinary citizens joined in an  
5 effort to save the Medal of Honor Grove at its present location;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, The community put words to action through the  
8 organization of a three-day cleanup of the Medal of Honor Grove  
9 in October 2010 that was attended by more than 1,000 volunteers  
10 and also through several additional cleanup events through 2011;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, The Friends of the Medal of Honor Grove nonprofit  
13 organization was formed in 2011 in cooperation with the Freedoms  
14 Foundation at Valley Forge to ensure the permanent maintenance,  
15 improvement and enhancement of the Medal of Honor Grove; and

16 WHEREAS, On October 22, 2011, the Friends of the Medal of  
17 Honor Grove held its first fundraiser, which was attended by six  
18 Medal of Honor recipients and which raised more than \$100,000  
19 for the maintenance and preservation of the Medal of Honor  
20 Grove; therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the significance of  
22 Valley Forge, serving as home to the nation's oldest memorial  
23 site dedicated to Medal of Honor recipients and the importance  
24 of the site providing the proper and perpetual care and respect  
25 due to those whom our nation has bestowed its highest military  
26 honor; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That the Senate extend thanks to those who have  
28 worked tirelessly to restore Chester County's and Pennsylvania's  
29 memorial for those who have received our nation's highest  
30 military honor; and be it further

1       RESOLVED, That the Senate designate May 20, 2013, as "Medal  
2 of Honor Grove Day" in Pennsylvania.