
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 379 Session of 2015

INTRODUCED BY BARRAR, SAINATO, BAKER, BARBIN, BENNINGHOFF, BISHOP, BIZZARRO, BOBACK, BROWNLEE, BURNS, COHEN, CORBIN, D. COSTA, SCHLEGEL CULVER, DAVIS, DIGIROLAMO, DONATUCCI, DRISCOLL, DUSH, ELLIS, EVERETT, FARINA, GIBBONS, GODSHALL, GOODMAN, GREINER, GROVE, HARHAI, HENNESSEY, HICKERNELL, IRVIN, JOZWIAK, KAUFFMAN, KILLION, KINSEY, LONGIETTI, MACKENZIE, MAHONEY, MCGINNIS, McNEILL, MENTZER, METCALFE, MILLARD, MURT, C. PARKER, PICKETT, QUINN, RAPP, READSHAW, REGAN, ROZZI, SAYLOR, SCHREIBER, SNYDER, SONNEY, STAATS, TALLMAN, VEREB, WATSON, WHEELAND, YOUNGBLOOD, COX, FEE, WARNER, PETRI, O'NEILL, D. MILLER AND REESE, JUNE 8, 2015

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, JUNE 8, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing June 10, 2015, as "Veterans Day at the Capitol 2015"
2 in Pennsylvania to highlight the accomplishments and needs of
3 Pennsylvania's veterans as well as to continue to raise
4 awareness of the issues veterans face and the benefits they
5 receive while residing in this Commonwealth.

6 WHEREAS, "Veterans Day at the Capitol 2015" is a one-day
7 event designed for veterans and service members to represent
8 their organizations in Pennsylvania's Capitol Building to
9 discuss their organizations' priorities and purpose to the
10 legislators of Pennsylvania; and

11 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania State Veterans Commission is
12 comprised of representatives from 15 different veteran
13 organizations, including The American Legion, AMVETS, Blinded
14 Veterans Association, Catholic War Veterans of the United States

1 of America, Disabled American Veterans, Jewish War Veterans of
2 the United States, Marine Corps League, Military Officers
3 Association of America, Military Order of the Purple Heart,
4 State Association of County Directors of Veterans' Affairs,
5 Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Italian-American
6 War Veterans of the United States, The Vietnam Veterans of
7 America, American Ex-Prisoners of War and Keystone Paralyzed
8 Veterans Association; and

9 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania State Veterans Commission was
10 formed to represent the honorable veterans of this Commonwealth
11 and embodies the service values of veterans from various wars in
12 which the United States fought; and

13 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is committed to veterans and provides
14 various services and resources which are accessible through the
15 Department of Military and Veterans Affairs; and

16 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is the birthplace of the United States
17 Army, the United States Marine Corps and the United States Navy;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, The veterans of Pennsylvania, from a time of war or
20 from a time of peace, are fundamental citizens of this
21 Commonwealth and the communities within it; and

22 WHEREAS, Military veterans offer Pennsylvania valued
23 leadership, workmanship and neighbors based on their experiences
24 while serving in the United States military; and

25 WHEREAS, Veterans from Pennsylvania volunteered or were
26 drafted to defend the United States of America, to protect the
27 citizens of the United States and this Commonwealth, and to
28 preserve our liberties; and

29 WHEREAS, There are nearly 1 million veterans, men and women
30 of all races, religions and ethnicities, that reside in

1 Pennsylvania along with their families, with their service
2 spanning from World War II to present; and

3 WHEREAS, Many veterans endure challenges to live their lives
4 to the fullest potential due to injuries, both mental and
5 physical, that they received while serving in the armed forces;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania State Veterans Commission provides
8 insight and recommendations about veteran's issues, needs and
9 concerns from throughout this Commonwealth; and

10 WHEREAS, The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs
11 offers assistance to Pennsylvania's veterans and their families,
12 and provides quality care for aging and disabled veterans; and

13 WHEREAS, There are nearly 700,000 wartime veterans who are
14 residents of this Commonwealth, nearly 58,000 are veterans from
15 World War II, nearly 93,000 are veterans from the Korean War,
16 309,000 are veterans from the Vietnam Conflict, nearly 236,000
17 are veterans from the Persian Gulf War and nearly 83,000 are
18 veterans from the Global War on Terror; and

19 WHEREAS, The citizens of this Commonwealth are grateful and
20 appreciative to all of our veterans for their selfless service
21 to this nation and the Commonwealth; therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize June
23 10, 2015, as "Veterans Day at the Capitol 2015" to highlight the
24 accomplishments and needs of Pennsylvania's veterans as well as
25 to continue to raise awareness of the issues veterans face and
26 the benefits they receive while residing in this Commonwealth.