
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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YOUNGBLOOD, SCHWEYER, WATSON, BRADFORD, ACOSTA, MAJOR, COX
AND TOPPER, OCTOBER 29, 2015

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, OCTOBER 29, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Congress of the United States to provide all veterans
2 access to the United States Department of Veterans Affairs
3 Caregiver Support Program.

4 WHEREAS, There are nearly 850,000 veteran residents of this
5 Commonwealth who have served in the United States Armed Forces,
6 including nearly 615,000 veterans who served prior to September
7 11, 2001; and

8 WHEREAS, Our veteran population deserves the best available
9 care and resources, including the ability to receive that care
10 at home from a loved one with the appropriate training to assist
11 them with their personal care needs and instrumental activities
12 of daily living; and

13 WHEREAS, The role of a caregiver requires dedication,
14 substantial time and effort to ensure the health and well-being
15 of our veterans; and

16 WHEREAS, Such dedication can take an emotional and physical

1 toll on the caregiver, including the ability for caregivers to
2 maintain a separate livelihood; and

3 WHEREAS, On May 5, 2010, the United States marked the
4 investment and support needed by family caregivers of post-9/11
5 veterans by creating the United States Department of Veterans
6 Affairs Caregiver Support Program; and

7 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Veterans Affairs
8 Caregiver Support Program provides critical support services and
9 benefits that have a positive impact on a caregiver's ability to
10 care for a veteran; and

11 WHEREAS, Current law excludes pre-9/11 veterans from
12 participating in the United States Department of Veterans
13 Affairs Caregiver Support Program; and

14 WHEREAS, According to the RAND Corporation, of the 5.5
15 million military caregivers in the United States, only 19.6% are
16 post-9/11 veterans, leaving a large population of caregivers
17 without assistance; and

18 WHEREAS, An expansion of the United States Department of
19 Veterans Affairs Caregiver Support Program would create an
20 equitable system and access for all service-era veterans; and

21 WHEREAS, The benefits and services available for the family
22 caregivers of post-9/11 era veterans should be made available to
23 veterans of all service eras; therefore be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
25 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the Congress of the United
26 States to responsibly grant access to the United States
27 Department of Veterans Affairs Caregiver Support Program to all
28 service-era veterans and direct that copies of this resolution
29 be transmitted to the President of the United States, the
30 Secretary of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs

1 and to each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.