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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
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## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating July 16, 2016, as "Atomic Veterans Day" in  
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Many of the nation's veterans were subjected to  
4 varying amounts of radiation due to atomic weapons testing from  
5 1945 to 1963; and

6 WHEREAS, The potential harm to these veterans was unknown at  
7 the time of testing, which resulted in exposure to harmful doses  
8 of radiation; and

9 WHEREAS, The health of more than 250,000 veterans and their  
10 children may have been adversely affected as a result of the  
11 United States testing or detonating nuclear weapons; and

12 WHEREAS, Some of those veterans are residents of  
13 Pennsylvania; and

14 WHEREAS, Many veterans who were early test subjects were  
15 injured in the line of duty but received no medals because they  
16 were not in combat; and

1       WHEREAS, The number of atomic veterans is rapidly decreasing  
2 and it is most appropriate to recognize their sacrifices for  
3 this nation's freedom; and

4       WHEREAS, The National Association of Atomic Veterans (NAAV)  
5 seeks to locate and help these veterans and their children, who  
6 may be genetically affected, in obtaining medical treatment and  
7 assistance; and

8       WHEREAS, By engaging in a national research and education  
9 effort for atomic veterans, NAAV is promoting early detection of  
10 medical problems and research and documentation of the  
11 connection between radiation exposure and resultant cancer and  
12 other debilitating, degenerative diseases and genetic mutations  
13 in offspring; therefore be it

14       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate July  
15 16, 2016, as "Atomic Veterans Day" in Pennsylvania and urge all  
16 those who participated in United States atmospheric nuclear  
17 weapons tests or in the United States occupation of Hiroshima  
18 and Nagasaki following World War II to contact the National  
19 Association of Atomic Veterans, P.O. Box 11517, Chandler, AZ  
20 85248.