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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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APRIL 10, 2017

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A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the medical professionals who served in or assisted the  
2 United States Armed Forces, including doctors, nurses, medics  
3 and first responders.

4 WHEREAS, During the Revolutionary War, the Army Hospital and  
5 the Medical Corps were formed on July 27, 1775, by the  
6 Continental Congress for the Continental Army and overseen by  
7 the Director General and Chief Physician; and

8 WHEREAS, The army medical organization was only utilized in  
9 times of war or in the event of an emergency until 1818; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1818, a permanent Medical Department was formed;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Medical personnel were authorized to wear uniforms  
13 in 1816 and given military rank in 1847; and

14 WHEREAS, Medical personnel were designated noncombatants  
15 under the Geneva Convention and wore a red cross until World War

1 II, when enemies no longer recognized the rules of the Geneva  
2 Convention and engaged all personnel; and

3 WHEREAS, Enlisted medical personnel are known as Combat  
4 Medics in the United States Army and Air Force and Corpsmen in  
5 the United States Navy and Marine Corps; and

6 WHEREAS, There have been 50 Combat Medic Medal of Honor  
7 recipients; and

8 WHEREAS, These veterans were completely selfless while saving  
9 lives and simultaneously risking their own; therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the medical  
11 professionals who served in or assisted the United States Armed  
12 Forces, including doctors, nurses, medics and first responders;  
13 and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That we rightly salute the accomplishments of these  
15 medical personnel.