

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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MARCH 6, 2018

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
MARCH 6, 2018

## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating March 28, 2018, as "Pennsylvania Female Veterans  
2 Day."

3 WHEREAS, Women have a long, courageous and often unrecognized  
4 history in providing military service to our country; and

5 WHEREAS, Women traditionally served as nurses, typists and  
6 clerks and in other support roles; and

7 WHEREAS, Prior to the Civil War, women who wanted to serve on  
8 the front lines were forced to disguise themselves as men in  
9 order to serve; and

10 WHEREAS, It was not until the end of World War I that women  
11 were permitted to join the military, and even then it was only  
12 during wartime; and

13 WHEREAS, With the passage of the Women's Armed Services  
14 Integration Act of 1948, women were finally allowed to serve as

1 permanent members of the military and entitled to veterans  
2 benefits; and

3 WHEREAS, In the last two decades, the value of women in the  
4 military has continued to be recognized with landmark  
5 achievements such as the first women to graduate from the  
6 Virginia Military Institute and the Citadel, the first female  
7 fighter pilots flying combat missions in Iraq and the first  
8 woman to command a United States naval ship; and

9 WHEREAS, In 2015, we saw yet another extraordinary  
10 achievement for women in the military with the first female  
11 graduates of the Army's elite Ranger School as well as the  
12 Department of Defense announcing that women will be fully  
13 integrated into all positions, including combat positions,  
14 throughout all of the armed forces; and

15 WHEREAS, There are approximately 2 million female United  
16 States veterans, representing 10% of all United States veterans,  
17 with this Commonwealth's female veterans numbered at 60,052; and

18 WHEREAS, The selflessness and bravery that these women  
19 exhibit in keeping our country safe and protecting our freedoms  
20 shall no longer go unrecognized; and

21 WHEREAS, Today, we rightly salute the accomplishments of the  
22 more than 60,000 female veterans living in this Commonwealth;  
23 therefore be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate March  
25 28, 2018, as "Pennsylvania Female Veterans Day"; and be it  
26 further

27 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to  
28 the Pennsylvania Commission for Women.