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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY VULAKOVICH, COSTA, ARGALL, BAKER, BARTOLOTTA,  
BREWSTER, BROOKS, BROWNE, DINNIMAN, EICHELBERGER, FONTANA,  
GREENLEAF, HUGHES, HUTCHINSON, MARTIN, MENSCH, REGAN,  
RESCHENTHALER, SABATINA, SCHWANK, TARTAGLIONE, SCAVELLO AND  
FOLMER, DECEMBER 11, 2017

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating December 16, 2017, as "Wreaths Across America Day"  
2 in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The Wreaths Across America project began in 1992  
4 with the transportation and placement of 5,000 Maine balsam fir  
5 remembrance wreaths on the graves of the fallen heroes buried at  
6 Arlington National Cemetery; and

7 WHEREAS, The Wreaths Across America project is recognized  
8 annually in December; and

9 WHEREAS, More than 3,317,000 wreaths have been sent to  
10 locations, including national cemeteries and veterans memorials,  
11 in every state and overseas; and

12 WHEREAS, Each December hundreds of thousands of individuals  
13 volunteer to help lay remembrance wreaths; and

14 WHEREAS, In 2016, more than 1,200,000 wreaths were placed at  
15 1,226 locations nationwide; and

16 WHEREAS, The mission of the Wreaths Across America project,

1 to "Remember, Honor and Teach," is carried out in part by  
2 coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies in all 50 states, at sea  
3 and abroad, including at Arlington National Cemetery, veterans  
4 cemeteries and other locations; and

5 WHEREAS, The Wreaths Across America project includes a  
6 weeklong veterans parade between Maine and Virginia to spread a  
7 message about the importance of remembering the fallen heroes of  
8 the United States, honoring those who serve and reminding  
9 citizens of the sacrifices made by veterans and their families  
10 to preserve freedoms in the United States; and

11 WHEREAS, The tradition of escorting tractor trailers filled  
12 with donated wreaths from Harrington, Maine, to Arlington  
13 National Cemetery will be continued by the Patriot Guard Riders  
14 and other patriotic escort units, including motorcycle units,  
15 law enforcement units and first responder units; and

16 WHEREAS, The trucking industry in the United States continues  
17 to support the Wreaths Across America project by providing  
18 drivers, equipment and related services to assist in the  
19 transportation of wreaths across the United States to more than  
20 1,000 locations; and

21 WHEREAS, The 2017 Wreaths Across America theme is "I'm An  
22 American. Yes I am!"; and

23 WHEREAS, On December 11, 2017, this Commonwealth is holding a  
24 Wreaths Across America ceremony in the Capitol Rotunda;  
25 therefore be it

26 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate December 16, 2017, as  
27 "Wreaths Across America Day" in Pennsylvania and call upon all  
28 residents to remember the service of veterans and members of the  
29 armed forces of the United States and the sacrifices that  
30 veterans, members of the armed forces and their families have

1 made, and continue to make, for this great nation.