
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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MARCH 13, 2006

REFERRED TO VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS,
MARCH 13, 2006

A RESOLUTION

1 Memorializing the Congress of the United States to provide
2 funding to the National Park Service to expedite repairs of
3 damage caused by vandalism at Gettysburg National Military
4 Park and urging the National Park Service to work with
5 Federal, State and local law enforcement officials to
6 apprehend and prosecute to the fullest extent available under
7 statute the perpetrators of the vandalism.

8 WHEREAS, On February 15, 2006, unknown individuals vandalized
9 three Civil War monuments and stole a 120-year-old sword at the
10 Gettysburg National Military Park; and

11 WHEREAS, The individuals desecrated the monument for the 4th
12 New York Battery, also known as "Smith's Battery," which was
13 dedicated on July 2, 1888; and

14 WHEREAS, A bronze statute of a Zouave infantryman was pulled
15 from the pedestal of the 114th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry
16 Monument, which was dedicated on July 2, 1886; and

17 WHEREAS, The top stone and sculpture of the 11th
18 Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry Monument, dedicated on October

1 8, 1885, was dislodged and its sword taken; and

2 WHEREAS, The Battle of Gettysburg on July 1 through 3, 1863,
3 represents a pivotal point in the history of the United States
4 in which thousands of men lost their lives and the reunification
5 of our nation was ultimately ensured; and

6 WHEREAS, In the cemetery of Gettysburg, President Abraham
7 Lincoln delivered one of the most historic and enduring speeches
8 in American history; and

9 WHEREAS, The Gettysburg National Military Park and its
10 cemetery, monuments and memorials are a treasured and sanctified
11 landmark for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the nation,
12 honoring the men who fought valorously and who made the ultimate
13 sacrifice; and

14 WHEREAS, The acts of vandalism are a malicious and heinous
15 attack on the sanctity of the Gettysburg National Military Park
16 and the memory of the men who fought there; therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
18 memorialize the Congress of the United States to provide funding
19 to the National Park Service to expedite repairs of damage
20 caused by vandalism at Gettysburg National Military Park and
21 urge the National Park Service to work with Federal, State and
22 local law enforcement officials to apprehend and prosecute to
23 the fullest extent available under statute the perpetrators of
24 the vandalism; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
26 the President of the United States, to the presiding officers of
27 each house of Congress and to each member of Congress from
28 Pennsylvania.