
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY TRELLO, HAYES, DeLUCA, PETRARCA, TANGRETTI,
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LEVDANSKY, MICHLOVIC, GAMBLE, MURPHY, DIETTERICK, MERRY AND
RYAN, MAY 1, 1989

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, MAY 1, 1989

A RESOLUTION

1 Memorializing the National Conference of State Legislatures
2 (NCSL) to reject any proposal recommending reduction or
3 erosion of benefits provided former members of the United
4 States Armed Forces and their dependents and survivors.

5 WHEREAS, During 1988, in convention and meetings assembled,
6 the Budget and Taxation Committee of the National Conference of
7 State Legislatures brought forward Federal budget reduction
8 proposals which included the elimination of significant
9 established benefits, services and entitlement programs for
10 disabled veterans; and

11 WHEREAS, As such, this proposal would send a strong signal to
12 the Federal Government endorsing the elimination of long-
13 established entitlement programs for veterans, particularly
14 those veterans with injuries or disabilities sustained while
15 serving in the Armed Forces of the United States of America; and

16 WHEREAS, It was the intent of the Congress of the United
17 States from the beginning of our Republic to make just and

1 reasonable restitution for the service and sacrifice of those
2 men and women who have served in defense of this Nation; and

3 WHEREAS, The 50 states, including the Commonwealth of
4 Pennsylvania, and successive Congresses and Administrations have
5 recognized this obligation and reaffirmed our national
6 commitment to those who have served in nine succeeding major
7 armed conflicts, expanding this obligation, in Abraham Lincoln's
8 words, "To care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for
9 his widow, and his orphan"; and

10 WHEREAS, This commitment not only serves the veteran, the
11 widow and the orphan, but, by example and support, promotes the
12 national defense by giving reassurance to those who serve now or
13 those who may have to serve in defense of this Nation; therefore
14 be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives, while
16 recognizing the seriousness of the current Federal budget
17 deficit, memorialize the National Conference of State
18 Legislatures, its leadership and its convening Committees to
19 reject any proposal which would erode or eliminate any veterans'
20 benefit or service provided by the Federal Government as being
21 part of any proposal or recommendation to reduce Federal
22 expenditures; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
24 the President of the National Conference of State Legislatures
25 and its Executive Committee and to all Members of the Federal
26 Budget and Taxation Committee of the State-Federal Assembly.