
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 58

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FEBRUARY 14, 2001

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, FEBRUARY 14, 2001

A RESOLUTION

1 Establishing a select committee to review the current need for
2 an additional State veterans' home and to further identify
3 suitable sites for the possible establishment of a State
4 veterans' home in central Pennsylvania.

5 WHEREAS, There are approximately 1.3 million veterans
6 currently residing in Pennsylvania, and the population of
7 veterans is expected to exceed 1 million beyond the year 2010;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth currently operates five State
10 veterans' homes and is presently constructing a sixth State
11 veterans' home in southeastern Pennsylvania; and

12 WHEREAS, The State veterans' home system is logistically
13 based to serve the nursing care needs of veterans in targeted
14 geographic areas of this Commonwealth; and

15 WHEREAS, Veterans in central Pennsylvania do not have a State

1 veterans' home in the geographic area between Hollidaysburg in
2 Blair County and Scranton in Lackawanna County; and

3 WHEREAS, The current waiting list for entry into a State
4 veterans' home appears to indicate the possible need for an
5 additional facility; and

6 WHEREAS, The establishment of a State veterans' home in
7 central Pennsylvania could greatly enhance the ability of our
8 State veterans' home system to serve veterans in the geographic
9 area closest to their families; therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives establish a
11 select committee to review the current need for an additional
12 facility and to identify suitable sites for the possible
13 placement of a State veterans' home in central Pennsylvania; and
14 be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the committee consist of five members, two to
16 be appointed by the Majority Leader of the House of
17 Representatives, two to be appointed by the Minority Leader of
18 the House of Representatives and the other member to be the
19 chairman of the State Veterans' Commission; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the public members of the select committee be
21 entitled to reimbursement made in accordance with the
22 expenditure guidelines adopted by the House of Representatives
23 from accounts of the Chief Clerk for reasonable travel, lodging
24 and meal expenses incurred in the performance of their duties;
25 and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That the committee make a report of its findings
27 and recommendations to the House of Representatives on or before
28 November 30, 2002.