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## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of May 11 through 19, 2002, as "Armed  
2 Forces Week" in Pennsylvania and encouraging the observance  
3 of May 18, 2002, as "Armed Forces Day" throughout this  
4 Commonwealth.

5 WHEREAS, Armed Forces Day, since it was established by  
6 President Harry S. Truman in 1949, is annually celebrated on the  
7 third Saturday of May and is part of Armed Forces Week, which  
8 runs from the second Saturday to the third Sunday of the month;  
9 and

1       WHEREAS, With pride in our nation's military strength and  
2 successes, we appreciate the members of our Army, Navy, Air  
3 Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, National Guard and the  
4 Reserves, and the government civilians and family members  
5 supporting them; and

6       WHEREAS, This year, eight short months after suffering the  
7 most horrific act of war in our country's history, it is only  
8 befitting that we pay tribute to those whose sacrifices and  
9 selfless service purchased for us the privileges of freedom,  
10 democracy and unmatched opportunity that we enjoy in the United  
11 States, the greatest country on Earth; and

12       WHEREAS, We currently have a large number of our armed forces  
13 actively engaged across the world in America's current war  
14 against terrorism; and

15       WHEREAS, This year's Armed Forces Day theme is "United in  
16 Freedom" and military units from all branches of the military  
17 stationed in Pennsylvania will be conducting an Armed Forces Day  
18 program known as "Operation Connect With America" on May 17  
19 through 19, 2002, on City Island in the State capital of  
20 Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; and

21       WHEREAS, It is the intent of the House of Representatives to  
22 recognize the men and women of our armed forces for their  
23 dedicated service to both Commonwealth and country and commend  
24 them for the outstanding performance of their duties in  
25 America's current war against terrorism; therefore be it

26       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
27 week of May 11 through 19, 2002, as "Armed Forces Week" in  
28 Pennsylvania; and be it further

29       RESOLVED, That the citizens of this Commonwealth be  
30 encouraged to observe May 18, 2002, as "Armed Forces Day" and to

- 1 honor our armed forces by participating in "Operation Connect
- 2 With America" and similar celebrations across Pennsylvania.