

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 493 Session of 2011

INTRODUCED BY BEAR, BARRAR, ADOLPH, AUMENT, BAKER, BENNINGHOFF, BOYD, B. BOYLE, BRENNAN, BROOKS, R. BROWN, BUXTON, CAUSER, CLYMER, CONKLIN, D. COSTA, COX, CREIGHTON, CUTLER, DALEY, DAVIDSON, DAVIS, DELOZIER, DePASQUALE, DiGIROLAMO, EVERETT, FLECK, FREEMAN, GABLER, GEIST, GEORGE, GINGRICH, GRELL, GROVE, HAHN, HALUSKA, HARHAI, HARHART, HENNESSEY, HESS, HICKERNELL, HORNAMAN, KAUFFMAN, KAVULICH, F. KELLER, M. K. KELLER, KNOWLES, KRIEGER, KULA, LAWRENCE, LONGIETTI, MAHER, MAJOR, MARSHALL, MARSICO, MICOZZIE, MILLARD, MILLER, MIRABITO, MOUL, MULLERY, MUNDY, MURPHY, MURT, MUSTIO, OBERLANDER, O'NEILL, PARKER, PASHINSKI, PAYNE, PAYTON, PERRY, PICKETT, QUINN, RAPP, READSHAW, REED, ROAE, ROCK, ROEBUCK, SACCONI, SAINATO, SANTONI, SAYLOR, SCAVELLO, CULVER, SCHRODER, SIMMONS, SONNEY, STEPHENS, STERN, STEVENSON, SWANGER, TALLMAN, TOEPEL, TOOIL, TURZAI, VEREB, VULAKOVICH, WAGNER, WATSON, YOUNGBLOOD, METCALFE AND DENLINGER, NOVEMBER 1, 2011

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, NOVEMBER 1, 2011

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring all Pennsylvania veterans who served during war and
2 peace on the occasion of Veterans Day, November 11, 2011.

3 WHEREAS, In 1918, on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day in
4 the eleventh month, the world rejoiced and celebrated because,
5 after four years of bitter war, an armistice was signed that
6 declared the "war to end all wars" over; and

7 WHEREAS, November 11 was set aside as Armistice Day in the
8 United States to remember the sacrifices men and women made
9 during World War I in order to ensure a lasting peace; and

1 WHEREAS, On Armistice Day, soldiers who survived the war
2 marched in a parade through their hometowns, and politicians,
3 public officials and veteran officers gave speeches and held
4 ceremonies of thanks for the peace they had won; and

5 WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States voted Armistice
6 Day a legal holiday in 1938, but Americans realized that the
7 previous war would not be the last one; and

8 WHEREAS, World War II began the following year, and nations
9 great and small again participated in a bloody struggle; and

10 WHEREAS, After World War II, Armistice Day continued to be
11 observed on November 11; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1953, townspeople in Emporia, Kansas, called the
13 holiday "Veterans Day" in gratitude to the veterans in their
14 town; and

15 WHEREAS, Soon after, Congress passed a bill renaming the
16 national holiday as Veterans Day; and

17 WHEREAS, Americans still give thanks to veterans for their
18 service on Veterans Day with ceremonies and speeches, and at 11
19 a.m. many Americans observe a moment of silence in remembrance
20 of those who fought and for those who gave their lives to
21 preserve the freedoms we now enjoy; therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor all
23 Pennsylvania veterans who served during war and peace on the
24 occasion of Veterans Day, November 11, 2011, and honor the men
25 and women who currently serve in our armed forces at home and
26 abroad in America's war on terrorism; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage
28 communities to participate in Veterans Day ceremonies across
29 this Commonwealth in recognition of those who have served the
30 United States and this Commonwealth in the past and those who

1 continue to serve our country in its current time of need.