

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, JUNE 6, 2012

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the 237th anniversary of the founding of the United
2 States Army.

3 WHEREAS, In 1775, the Massachusetts Provincial Congress
4 appealed to the Second Continental Congress in Philadelphia to
5 assume authority of the New England Army, which was comprised of
6 a number of independent revolutionary militia companies; and

7 WHEREAS, Although there is no official written record,
8 historians suggest that on June 14, 1775, the United States
9 Congress voted to "adopt" the Boston troops and formed a
10 committee "to bring in a draft of rules and regulations for the
11 government of the Army," in addition to providing a funding
12 appropriation of \$2 million at the Request of John Adams; and

13 WHEREAS, The actions of the United States Government on June

1 14, 1775, establishing the American Continental Army marked the
2 birth date of the United States Army; and

3 WHEREAS, On June 15, 1775, George Washington was appointed by
4 the United States Congress as the Army Commander-in-Chief; and

5 WHEREAS, The United States Army is made up of two components:
6 the Active Duty and the Army Reserves; and

7 WHEREAS, According to the most recent data available on the
8 United States Army website, the United States Army was comprised
9 of more than 675,000 soldiers in 2005, with approximately
10 488,000 on active duty and 189,000 in the Army Reserves; and

11 WHEREAS, Soldiers live by the Seven Core Army Values that
12 include loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor,
13 integrity and personal courage; and

14 WHEREAS, It is said that "there is nothing stronger than a
15 United States Army soldier"; and

16 WHEREAS, The strength and power of the United States Army, as
17 demonstrated during Desert Storm, Operation Enduring Freedom,
18 Iraqi Freedom and several additional combat missions has
19 provided Americans with safety, security and freedom; therefore
20 be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
22 United States Army's 237th anniversary of its founding and urge
23 all Pennsylvanians to remember the sacrifices of the brave men
24 and women who valiantly served their country on the homefront
25 and throughout the world.