
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 22 Session of
2013

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GOODMAN, DENLINGER AND BROOKS, JANUARY 16, 2013

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JANUARY 16, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating February 9, 2013, as "The Battle of Guadalcanal
2 Remembrance Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, February 9, 2013, marks the 70th anniversary of the
4 Battle of Guadalcanal, the first major Allied offensive action
5 in the Pacific Theater during World War II; and

6 WHEREAS, The six-month battle, from August 7, 1942, to
7 February 9, 1943, claimed the lives of 1,592 American troops,
8 wounded 4,183 and disabled thousands more through tropical
9 diseases; and

10 WHEREAS, The code named "Operation Watchtower" was
11 orchestrated as a follow-up to the victories at the Battle of
12 Coral Sea and the Battle of Midway and was successful in ending
13 Japanese expansion and establishing Allied air superiority in
14 the southern Pacific; and

15 WHEREAS, The Japanese construction of an airfield on

1 Guadalcanal, an island, part of the Solomon Islands off the
2 eastern coast of Australia, would have threatened the sea lines
3 of communication with Australia as well as protected Japan's
4 major base at Rabaul in Papua, New Guinea; and

5 WHEREAS, The victory at Guadalcanal was a militarily
6 strategic victory as it allowed for further advances in the
7 South Pacific and laid the foundation for the "island hopping"
8 campaigns; and

9 WHEREAS, The victory at Guadalcanal was a psychological
10 victory for the American military which had beaten the best of
11 the Empire of Japan's land, air and naval forces; and

12 WHEREAS, The victory at Guadalcanal generated increased
13 optimism and attention for the United States' war effort in the
14 Pacific; and

15 WHEREAS, The gallant forces who fought battles, disease,
16 malnutrition and extreme weather conditions displayed incredible
17 bravery and stamina; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commemorate
19 February 9, 2013, as "The Battle of Guadalcanal Remembrance
20 Day"; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage local
22 governments and communities throughout this Commonwealth to
23 conduct appropriate " The Battle of Guadalcanal Remembrance Day"
24 observances to ensure that the many sacrifices of that day are
25 not forgotten.