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SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing November 10, 2014, as "Marine Corps Day" in
2 Pennsylvania in honor of the United States Marine Corps'
3 239th anniversary of its founding.

4 WHEREAS, On November 10, 1775, the Second Continental
5 Congress met in Philadelphia and passed a resolution calling for
6 two battalions of Marines to be raised for service as landing
7 forces with the fleet; and

8 WHEREAS, That resolution established the Continental Marines
9 and marked the birth date of the United States Marine Corps; and

10 WHEREAS, Since its first amphibious raid on March 3, 1776,
11 the United States Marine Corps has fought with great courage on
12 every continent and in every conflict in American history; and

13 WHEREAS, During World War I, Marines fought their famed
14 battle at Belleau Wood, establishing their reputation of
15 toughness and fierceness; and

16 WHEREAS, The Marine Corps played a central role in the
17 liberation of the Pacific Islands during World War II; and

18 WHEREAS, "Raising of the Flag on Iwo Jima," the famous
19 photograph by Joe Rosenthal, will always symbolize the triumph

1 and glory of the Marine Corps; and

2 WHEREAS, The momentum of the Korean War shifted when the
3 Marine Corps, in conjunction with the Navy, launched a massive
4 amphibious attack at Inchon, surprising the North Koreans by
5 putting thousands of United States troops behind enemy lines;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, The Marine Corps participated in major offensives of
8 the Vietnam War, engaging in guerrilla warfare, implementing
9 unconventional techniques for counterinsurgency and working as
10 military advisors to the Republic of Vietnam Marine Corps; and

11 WHEREAS, From 1990 to 1992, Marines participated in Operation
12 Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm, leading the liberation
13 of Kuwait and the defeat of Iraqi forces; and

14 WHEREAS, The Marine Corps continues to make significant
15 contributions to the war on terrorism as part of Operation
16 Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

17 WHEREAS, Marines truly embody the motto of the Marine Corps:
18 "Semper Fidelis," which translates from Latin as "always
19 faithful," and signifies the defense of freedom and democracy
20 worldwide; and

21 WHEREAS, Today, the Marine Corps is a separate branch of the
22 United States Armed Forces, distinguishing itself as an
23 expeditionary force ready to respond on the ground, in the air
24 and by sea; and

25 WHEREAS, There are roughly 202,000 individuals currently
26 enlisted in the Marine Corps and roughly 40,000 reserve members;
27 and

28 WHEREAS, Marine Corps Order No. 47, Series 192, written by
29 Major Commandant General John A. Lejeune, established the
30 mandatory celebration of the Marine Corps' anniversary;

1 therefore be it

2 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize November 10, 2014, as

3 "Marine Corps Day" in Pennsylvania in honor of the United States

4 Marine Corps' 239th anniversary of its founding.