

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 744 Session of 2015

INTRODUCED BY BARBIN, READSHAW, BARRAR, KOTIK, LONGIETTI, HENNESSEY, BAKER, ROZZI, CUTLER, MURT, VEREB, R. BROWN, MILLARD, CALTAGIRONE, B. MILLER, O'NEILL, THOMAS, BIZZARRO, SNYDER, MACKENZIE, CORBIN, DIGIROLAMO, ROTHMAN, KILLION, TOOIL, COX, BOBACK, GODSHALL, KAUFFMAN, PASHINSKI, ROSS, SCHLOSSBERG, BURNS, D. COSTA, DRISCOLL, RAPP, MUSTIO, WATSON, JOZWIAK, SONNEY, DUSH, NEILSON, PAYNE, WHEELAND, KINSEY, BENNINGHOFF, SAINATO, MAHONEY, EVERETT, A. HARRIS, MARSICO, REESE AND GOODMAN, MARCH 18, 2016

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MARCH 18, 2016

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating May 6, 2016, as "Military Spouse Appreciation Day"
2 in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, In 1969, the Military Wives Association was formed
4 by a small group of wives and widows who gathered to voice their
5 concerns about inadequate support for military families who had
6 lost loved ones; and

7 WHEREAS, In 1984, "Military Spouse Appreciation Day" was
8 first celebrated when President Ronald Reagan proclaimed the
9 observance to honor the contributions of military spouses; and

10 WHEREAS, Military spouses embody the courage, sense of duty
11 and love of country that inspire every American; and

12 WHEREAS, Military spouses make tremendous sacrifices,
13 including enduring long separations, assuming household
14 responsibilities and caring for children while their loved ones

1 are away; and

2 WHEREAS, Military spouses act with patience, selflessness and
3 compassion while serving as the front line of this country's
4 conscience to ensure the appropriate care of soldiers returning
5 from duty with serious conditions, including traumatic brain
6 injuries and post-traumatic stress disorder; and

7 WHEREAS, Many military spouses are also volunteers in their
8 communities who serve the needs of other military families; and

9 WHEREAS, The nation benefits from the sacrifices of military
10 families and is inspired by their courage, strength and
11 leadership; and

12 WHEREAS, On "Military Spouse Appreciation Day" and throughout
13 the year, we honor the commitment military spouses have made to
14 their loved ones, our country and our freedom; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate May 6,
16 2016, as "Military Spouse Appreciation Day" in Pennsylvania.