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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY  
PREPAREDNESS, FEBRUARY 8, 2017

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A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Congress of the United States to expeditiously  
2 address the health, social and economic needs of our female  
3 veterans.

4 WHEREAS, Today, women play an unprecedented role in our armed  
5 forces, with 280,000 having served with honor and courage in  
6 Iraq and Afghanistan alone; and

7 WHEREAS, In these conflicts, women have served in roles  
8 previously closed to them, placing themselves in harm's way and  
9 often as close to combat as their male counterparts while  
10 simultaneously paving the way for future women in the military  
11 with their bravery and irreplaceable contributions; and

12 WHEREAS, Many of these warriors bear visible and invisible  
13 wounds as a cost of their military service when they return  
14 home; and

15 WHEREAS, There is a desperate need for a cultural shift which  
16 respects and values these women as warriors who deserve every  
17 benefit they have fought for and earned with their service to

1 this great country; and

2 WHEREAS, The Department of Defense, Department of Veterans  
3 Affairs and other Federal partners must recognize and address  
4 the unique challenges faced by women returning from combat  
5 deployment, including their physical, mental and social health,  
6 as these injuries can keep veterans from readjusting in their  
7 occupations, their education and their relationships; and

8 WHEREAS, Some challenges that female veterans face in greater  
9 proportion include homelessness, inadequate health facilities  
10 and services at Veterans Affairs' facilities, military sexual  
11 trauma and isolation; and

12 WHEREAS, The Disabled American Veterans' report entitled  
13 "Women Veterans: The Long Journey Home" outlines many of the  
14 specific institutional and cultural challenges and provides  
15 solutions and recommendations to create a better homecoming for  
16 our female veterans; therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the  
18 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the Congress of the United  
19 States to expeditiously address the health, social and economic  
20 needs of female veterans and honor female veterans with the  
21 respect and benefits they deserve; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to  
23 each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.