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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 391 Session of  
2019

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INTRODUCED BY MACKENZIE, BERNSTINE, BIZZARRO, BROWN, BURNS,  
CALTAGIRONE, COX, DeLUCA, DiGIROLAMO, DONATUCCI, EMRICK, FEE,  
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EVANS, HOHENSTEIN, JAMES, KAUFFMAN, KENYATTA, KIRKLAND,  
KORTZ, KULIK, LONGIETTI, MASSER, McNEILL, MEHAFFIE, MERSKI,  
MILLARD, B. MILLER, MOUL, MURT, OBERLANDER, OWLETT, PICKETT,  
PYLE, READSHAW, ROZZI, RYAN, SAPPEY, SAYLOR, SCHMITT,  
SOLOMON, SONNEY, STAATS, TURZAI, YOUNGBLOOD, ZIMMERMAN,  
HENNESSEY, SAINATO, JOHNSON-HARRELL AND WARREN, JUNE 11, 2019

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
JUNE 11, 2019

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as a Purple Heart  
2 State and recognizing August 7 as "Purple Heart Day" in  
3 Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, During major wars from World War I to the present,  
5 32,080 Pennsylvania veterans were killed in combat and  
6 approximately 59,140 were wounded, making those Pennsylvanians  
7 eligible for the Purple Heart Medal; and

8 WHEREAS, The mission of the Military Order of the Purple  
9 Heart, chartered by an act of Congress, is to foster an  
10 environment of goodwill among combat wounded veterans and their  
11 families, promote patriotism, support legislative initiatives  
12 and, most importantly, ensure that we never forget the  
13 sacrifices of veterans killed in action and wounded in combat;  
14 and

1       WHEREAS, Twenty-three states across the United States have  
2 honored their military veterans wounded and killed in combat by  
3 proclaiming their states to be Purple Heart states; and

4       WHEREAS, The Purple Heart Trail was established in 1992 by  
5 the Military Order of the Purple Heart as a symbolic trail  
6 throughout all 50 states to commemorate and honor all men and  
7 women who have been wounded or killed in combat while serving in  
8 the United States Armed Forces; and

9       WHEREAS, The Purple Heart Trail originates at a monument in  
10 Mt. Vernon, Virginia, which is the burial location of George  
11 Washington; and

12       WHEREAS, In Pennsylvania, State Route 45, also known as the  
13 Purple Heart Highway, winds through 100 miles of Huntingdon,  
14 Centre, Union, Northumberland and Montour Counties and is part  
15 of the Purple Heart Trail; and

16       WHEREAS, State Route 45 was christened the Purple Heart  
17 Highway because the Route 45 corridor has been home to many  
18 recipients of the Purple Heart; and

19       WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania honors the service  
20 and sacrifices of our nation's men and women in uniform wounded  
21 or killed by the enemy while serving to protect the freedom  
22 enjoyed by all Americans; therefore be it

23       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
24 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as a Purple Heart State and  
25 recognize August 7 as "Purple Heart Day" in Pennsylvania.