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Senate Veterans Affairs & Emergency Preparedness Committee

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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Senators

FROM: Senator Lisa Baker

SUBJECT: "National Guard Day" in Pennsylvania

DATE: May 27, 2011

Please join me in co-sponsoring a resolution designating June 14, 2011 as "National Guard Day" in Pennsylvania, commemorating the 256th anniversary of Pennsylvania's first laws providing for a militia, and saluting the Guard and the proud service of generations of soldiers and airmen.

The Pennsylvania General Assembly passed the Commonwealth's first laws providing for a militia in 1755. Over the course of more than two-and-a-half centuries, that pre-revolutionary volunteer militia has evolved into today's modern, professional National Guard. Pennsylvania currently has one of the largest army and air guard forces in the United States. These men and women have taken part in every major military conflict the country has faced since the Revolutionary War, along with many peacekeeping missions and other major domestic and international operations.

This resolution is similar to SR 271 of 2010, which was co-sponsored by nearly every member of the Senate and was subsequently adopted.

If you wish to co-sponsor this proposal, please contact Liz Clancy at LClancy@pasen.gov or by phone at 787-7428.

Thank you.

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