

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the 10th anniversary of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

2 WHEREAS, Operation Iraqi Freedom commenced on March 19, 2003,
3 as a military operation with the United States and coalition
4 forces with the mission to liberate Iraq from dictator Saddam
5 Hussein and extend freedom and democracy in the region; and

6 WHEREAS, Soldiers from each branch of the military have been
7 called to arms to defend and protect the homeland during
8 Operation Iraqi Freedom. The contribution made by members of the
9 military forces in the Middle East is recognized and deeply
10 appreciated by citizens of this Commonwealth; and

11 WHEREAS, Thousands of Pennsylvania military servicemen and
12 women have sacrificed so much to serve honorably in Operation
13 Iraqi Freedom, more than 200 Pennsylvania military
14 servicepersons made the ultimate sacrifice. These brave and
15 honorable armed forces personnel are to be recognized with the
16 highest respect; and

17 WHEREAS, The citizens of this Commonwealth and the House of

1 Representatives will never forget the sacrifices made from these
2 armed forces personnel. The 10th anniversary of Operation Iraqi
3 Freedom reminds Pennsylvanians of all those who served their
4 missions with excellence, determination, patriotism and bravery;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, As Americans, it is our responsibility to ensure
7 that our history is documented and reverence is given to our
8 veterans and war heroes; and

9 WHEREAS, The freedoms and security we cherish as Americans
10 come at a very high price for those serving in the military. It
11 is fitting and proper that we, who are the beneficiaries of the
12 courage of those who risk their lives, leaving their families
13 behind, express our appreciation and eternal gratitude for their
14 sacrifices and courageous acts; therefore it be

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor Operation
16 Iraqi Freedom veterans who have sacrificed so much of themselves
17 in order to serve their country proudly; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives also recognize
19 the anniversary of our country's mission to instill freedom and
20 democracy into Iraq and protect this great country and our
21 cherished liberties; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That Pennsylvania recognize the 10th anniversary of
23 Operation Iraqi Freedom and all members of the military who have
24 honorably served in Iraq during this time.