

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

RESOLUTION

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As Committed-Amended	
Recommendation	

By Hon. _____	

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of October 2016 as "Agent Orange Awareness
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The Vietnam War was the longest conflict in American
4 history in which the government of South Vietnam and its primary
5 ally, the United States, fought against the communist government
6 of North Vietnam and a South Vietnamese guerrilla force,
7 commonly known as the Viet Cong; and

8 WHEREAS, During the Vietnam War, American servicepersons
9 displayed heroic courage and determination under some of the
10 most difficult circumstances ever encountered in United States
11 military history; and

12 WHEREAS, Approximately 498,000 men and women from this
13 Commonwealth served during the Vietnam War era, an estimated
14 172,000 of whom directly participated in the war; and

15 WHEREAS, According to the United States Department of
16 Veterans Affairs, the United States military developed Agent
17 Orange and other herbicide combinations for use in combat

1 operations to remove trees and dense tropical foliage that
2 provided enemy cover; and

3 WHEREAS, The name Agent Orange comes from the orange
4 identifying stripes that were used on the 55-gallon drums in
5 which the herbicide was stored; and

6 WHEREAS, According to the United States Department of
7 Veterans Affairs, approximately 19 million gallons of Agent
8 Orange and other herbicides were used during the Vietnam War;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Thousands of Vietnam War veterans have died due to
11 the use of Agent Orange; and

12 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Veterans Affairs and
13 Federal law provide for the presumption that certain diseases
14 are a direct result of exposure to Agent Orange and other
15 herbicides used during the Vietnam War; and

16 WHEREAS, Thousands of veterans still suffer from cancer and
17 other health disorders caused by exposure to Agent Orange; and

18 WHEREAS, Veterans with health problems caused by Agent Orange
19 live with the knowledge that genetic damage resulting from their
20 exposure to Agent Orange may be handed down through generations;
21 therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
23 month of October 2016 as "Agent Orange Awareness Month" in
24 Pennsylvania.