

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 21 Session of 2019

INTRODUCED BY GILLEN, READSHAW, BARRAR, RYAN, HILL-EVANS, HARKINS, HENNESSEY, GREINER, SONNEY, IRVIN, HELM, HICKERNELL, ROTHMAN, BERNSTINE, JAMES, KINSEY, LONGIETTI, STRUZZI, RABB, SCHMITT, MURT, SAYLOR, MILLARD, BROWN, BIZZARRO, BURNS, STAATS, PASHINSKI, MENTZER, SAMUELSON, MACKENZIE, EVERETT, SCHLOSSBERG, GOODMAN, KAUFFMAN, ZIMMERMAN, PICKETT, KORTZ, NEILSON, GROVE, SANCHEZ, B. MILLER, CALTAGIRONE, SCHWEYER AND MARKOSEK, JANUARY 11, 2019

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

A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating June 6, 2019, as "D-Day" in Pennsylvania.

2 WHEREAS, June 6, 2019, marks the 75th anniversary of the D-
3 Day invasion of Normandy, an Allied forces operation to end the
4 occupation of Germany in France; and

5 WHEREAS, Armed forces of the United States, England, Canada
6 and France banded together to deploy 156,000 troops, of which
7 73,000 were American, 11,590 planes and 6,939 vessels to produce
8 the long planned "Operation Overlord"; and

9 WHEREAS, The initial assault phase, "Operation Neptune,"
10 began at midnight on June 6, 1944, with an airborne assault
11 choreographed by the American, British and Canadian Air Corps;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Solider landed on Gold Beach, Sword Beach, Omaha
14 Beach, Juno Beach and Utah Beach in the early morning of June 6,

1 1944, to begin the assault on the German forces; and

2 WHEREAS, The casualties of D-Day numbered 10,500 allies,
3 including 2,700 Americans, of which 4,413 allies and 1,465
4 Americans lost their lives and 7,500 allies, including 3,184
5 Americans were injured, with many more missing or captured; and

6 WHEREAS, The assault continued under "Operation Overlord" by
7 pushing further into France and ended once the allies crossed
8 the River Seine on August 19, 1944; and

9 WHEREAS, There were 226,386 allied casualties, including
10 36,976 deaths and 153,475 wounded, of which 20,838 Americans
11 were killed and 94,881 were injured, during "Operation
12 Overlord"; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commemorate June
14 6, 2019, as "D-Day"; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage local
16 governments and communities throughout this Commonwealth to
17 conduct appropriate "D-Day" observances to ensure that the many
18 sacrifices of that day are not forgotten.