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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 135 Session of  
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GILLEN, BISHOP, DeLUCA, GOODMAN, QUINN, SNYDER, M. K. KELLER  
AND DELOZIER, MARCH 11, 2013

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
MARCH 11, 2013

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the American Legion and its national and Pennsylvania  
2 commanders.

3 WHEREAS, The American Legion has evolved from a group of war-  
4 weary veterans of World War I into one of the most influential  
5 nonprofit organizations in the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, The American Legion has founded numerous programs  
7 such as American Legion Baseball, one of the nation's most  
8 successful amateur athletic programs, and the Heroes to  
9 Hometowns program, which connects local Legionnaires with  
10 recovering wounded warriors and their families; and

11 WHEREAS, National Commander Jim Koutz and Pennsylvania  
12 Commander Joseph Cocco, Jr., are being honored for their great  
13 support for the American Legion's commitment to all veterans;  
14 and

1 WHEREAS, The American Legion national commander is a Vietnam  
2 Conflict veteran who was honorably discharged in 1971 with the  
3 rank of Specialist 5, subsequently becoming a member of the  
4 American Legion; and

5 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania commander served abroad in the  
6 United States Navy in 1962, was honorably discharged in 1965 and  
7 retired in 1997 as the Battalion Command Master Chief of Naval  
8 Mobile Construction Battalion 21 (NMCB-21), Lakehurst, NJ, known  
9 as "The Fighting Seabees"; and

10 WHEREAS, Both the national commander and Pennsylvania  
11 commander are proud leading supporters for the American Legion  
12 and strong contributors to their members and veterans; therefore  
13 be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives be delighted to  
15 join the many outstanding members of the American Legion and its  
16 many friends in showing the House of Representatives' heartfelt  
17 respect and appreciation for the American Legion's commitment to  
18 all veterans; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize and  
20 support the dedicated members of the American Legion; and be it  
21 further

22 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the  
23 following:

24 (1) National Commander Jim Koutz

25 The American Legion National Headquarters

26 700 N. Pennsylvania St.

27 P.O Box 1055

28 Indianapolis, IN 46206

29 (2) Pennsylvania Commander Joseph Cocco, Jr.

30 P.O. Box 2324

1 Harrisburg, PA 17105-2324.