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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
SEPTEMBER 10, 2014

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating September 11, 2014, as "Keystone Wounded Warrior
2 Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, According to a February 2014 Congressional Research
4 Service report titled "A Guide to U.S. Military Casualty
5 Statistics: Operation New Dawn (OND), Operation Iraqi Freedom
6 (OIF), and Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF)," 50,450 United
7 States service members have been wounded since Operation Iraqi
8 Freedom first began; and

9 WHEREAS, From 2002 through 2012, 103,792 service members who
10 were deployed in these conflicts were diagnosed with post-
11 traumatic stress disorder (PTSD); and

12 WHEREAS, Over that same time period, 253,330 service members

1 were diagnosed with a traumatic brain injury (TBI) of some kind;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, As a result of battle injuries, 1,715 service
4 members received wounds that required amputations, and 1,493
5 servicemembers lost major limbs; and

6 WHEREAS, According to the Department of Defense's casualty
7 Internet website, as of January 9, 2013, 235 service members
8 have died of self-inflicted wounds while serving in OIF/OND, and
9 97 service members have died of self-inflicted wounds while
10 serving in OEF; and

11 WHEREAS, Founded in 2009, Keystone Wounded Warriors is an
12 Eastern Pennsylvania-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation that
13 seeks to honor the daily sacrifices made by the brave men and
14 women in all branches of the United States military,
15 specifically those wounded on or after September 11, 2001; and

16 WHEREAS, Keystone Wounded Warriors aids Pennsylvania's
17 wounded warriors by raising public awareness and seeking the
18 public's support for programs and services that assist our
19 wounded warriors as they transition back to civilian life; and

20 WHEREAS, Keystone Wounded Warriors provides direct resources
21 for daily needs, such as groceries and personal items, for
22 wounded warriors and their families; partners with Corps Fitness
23 in Wyomissing to provide specialized physical training and goal
24 setting and works with local gyms in areas in which our wounded
25 warriors are located to ensure they have the opportunity to stay
26 active; and provides counseling and mentorship by working with
27 local veterans' counseling centers; therefore be it

28 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate
29 September 11, 2014, as "Keystone Wounded Warrior Day" in
30 Pennsylvania; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage the
2 citizens of this great Commonwealth to support groups, such as
3 Keystone Wounded Warriors, to ensure that the many sacrifices of
4 our brave servicemen and servicewomen are not forgotten.