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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 1146 Session of  
2018

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SAYLOR, CHARLTON, ROZZI AND PHILLIPS-HILL, OCTOBER 9, 2018

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
OCTOBER 9, 2018

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of November 2018 as "Veteran Awareness  
2 Month" in Pennsylvania in conjunction with the annual  
3 "Veterans Day" observance on November 11, 2018.

4 WHEREAS, The history of the United States Armed Forces is  
5 long and decorated, with tens of millions of Americans having  
6 served across multiple generations; and

7 WHEREAS, The officers, enlisted soldiers and volunteer  
8 soldiers of the Continental Army proved that Americans can be  
9 victorious in battle; and

10 WHEREAS, On December 26, 1776, General George Washington led  
11 Continental Army troops across the Delaware River to achieve a  
12 decisive victory in the Battle of Trenton; and

13 WHEREAS, Woodrow Wilson, in an address delivered on the 125th  
14 anniversary of the Battle of Trenton, appropriately referred to  
15 Revolutionary War observer Thomas Paine's declaration: "These

1 are the times that try men's souls"; and

2 WHEREAS, Wilsonian idealism highlighted the preservation of  
3 liberty and self-government and the imprint of those who "seek  
4 honor by seeking service"; and

5 WHEREAS, To commemorate the end of World War I and the  
6 fidelity and sacrifice of those who served, Woodrow Wilson  
7 established "Armistice Day" on November 11, 1919; and

8 WHEREAS, In 1978, after changes in the date and official  
9 name, the Congress of the United States declared that "Veterans  
10 Day" be held each year on November 11; and

11 WHEREAS, "Veterans Day" casts light on the experiences and  
12 and legacy of veterans; and

13 WHEREAS, "Veterans Day" reminds us of our shared  
14 responsibilities on behalf of veterans, their protections and  
15 rights and the expanded duties and unique ranks that have  
16 evolved; and

17 WHEREAS, Recognition of veterans' service reinforces their  
18 relationships with active military personnel, other veterans and  
19 residents of our communities; therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
21 month of November 2018 as "Veteran Awareness Month" in  
22 Pennsylvania in conjunction with the annual "Veterans Day"  
23 observance on November 11, 2018; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage schools  
25 in this Commonwealth to host "Meet a Veteran Day" and conduct  
26 instruction on American Flag etiquette and other patriotic  
27 exercises; and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge residents  
29 of this Commonwealth to consistently engage and support veterans  
30 while learning from their brave service.