
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY HASAY, PETRARCA, COCHRAN, BELARDI, KUKOVICH,
CLARK, OLASZ, CALTAGIRONE, CUNNINGHAM, STEVENS, COSLETT,
CAWLEY, BLAUM, VAN HORNE, STEIGHNER, D. R. WRIGHT,
F. E. TAYLOR, LUCYK AND SHOWERS, MARCH 30, 1981

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL-STATE RELATIONS,
MARCH 30, 1981

In the House of Representatives, March 30, 1981

1 WHEREAS, A great majority of Vietnam Veterans have problems
2 and needs that have been ignored, including the need for
3 programs of medical treatment, therapy and disability benefits,
4 as well as vocational and disability rehabilitation; and

5 WHEREAS, The American public believes Vietnam Veterans should
6 receive the same respect and favorable treatment accorded
7 veterans of earlier conflicts; and

8 WHEREAS, Some Vietnam Veterans have suffered severe physical
9 effects, including cancer, nervous system disorders and skin
10 diseases, as a result of their exposure to the defoliant, Agent
11 Orange, while serving in the Republic of Vietnam and reports
12 have been substantiated that unusually high numbers of
13 Vietnamese women and Vietnam veterans' wives have given birth to
14 children with birth defects; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED (the Senate concurring), That whereas the Federal
16 Government, through the Department of Defense, was responsible

1 for the spraying of the defoliant, Agent Orange, the Federal
2 Government, then, through the Veterans Administration should be
3 responsible for the funding and administration of individual
4 screening programs in order that those veterans suffering the
5 effects of Agent Orange may receive full medical benefits,
6 therapy, disability benefits and rehabilitation training; and be
7 it further

8 RESOLVED, That the General Assembly hereby memorializes the
9 Congress of the United States and the Veterans Administration to
10 coordinate activities in conjunction with State and local
11 veterans assistance centers located in Pennsylvania; and be it
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
14 the President, Speaker of the House of Representatives and
15 President pro tempore of the Senate, the appropriate committee
16 chairman in the House and Senate of the United States Congress,
17 and to each Congressman and Senator from Pennsylvania.