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## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating May 8 as "General Matthew B. Ridgway Day."

2 WHEREAS, May 8 commemorates the victorious conclusion of the  
3 Second World War in Europe; and

4 WHEREAS, General Matthew B. Ridgway, graduate of the United  
5 States Military Academy at West Point (Class of 1917), is the  
6 possessor of one of the most distinguished records in the annals  
7 of American military history, to wit: Commander of the 82nd  
8 Airborne troops who dropped into Normandy in the earliest hours  
9 of D-Day, 1944; valiant warrior for the cause of freedom in  
10 Europe, helping mightily to liberate that continent from the  
11 deleterious monstrosity of Nazism; doughty stemmer of the  
12 Communist tide in Korea (Land of the Morning Calm) during the  
13 brutal belligerency styled the Korean War (1950-1953); rebuilders  
14 of the military power and morale of the United Nations forces  
15 nearly shattered and undone by the Red onslaught of the winter  
16 of 1950-1951; Supreme Commander of the North Atlantic Treaty

1 Organization, following his hard-won successes on Asian  
2 battlefields; and steady inspirer of many young men and women in  
3 our Nation, particularly those in this Commonwealth--the General  
4 having resided in Fox Chapel, Pittsburgh, for the three decades  
5 following his formal retirement from active duty in 1955; and

6 WHEREAS, He has continued, over the immense span of nine  
7 decades--years that encompassed the total transformation of the  
8 American military landscape from the long-vanished days of the  
9 Indian Wars, to the dawn of American power on the world stage at  
10 the conclusion of the Spanish-American War, ranging ever onwards  
11 in time through the sanguinary struggles of two global conflicts  
12 and the bitter aftermath of yet another in Asia at the mid-  
13 century--to have amply fulfilled the lofty idealism incarnate in  
14 West Point's motto, "Duty, Honor, Country"; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the  
16 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania extend its heartiest  
17 congratulations and most auspicious felicitations to General  
18 Matthew B. Ridgway, during this year of grace 1985, a year which  
19 happily concelebrates both the ninetieth birthday of the General  
20 and the fortieth anniversary of the end of the Second World War;  
21 and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That this day, May 8, 1985, be known throughout the  
23 length and breadth of this Commonwealth as "General Matthew B.  
24 Ridgway Day," so that the recollection of his many deeds of duty  
25 and valor will always be with us, and this recognition be  
26 coupled with the honor that ought to be paid to the veterans of  
27 all of our nation's wars in solemn commemoration of the nobility  
28 of their sacrifices; and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to  
30 General Matthew B. Ridgway, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.