
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 277 Session of
2001

INTRODUCED BY WATSON, ADOLPH, ALLEN, ARGALL, ARMSTRONG, BARD, BARRAR, BASTIAN, BEBKO-JONES, BELARDI, BELFANTI, BENNINGHOFF, BROWNE, CALTAGIRONE, CAPPELLI, CLYMER, L. I. COHEN, M. COHEN, COLEMAN, CORRIGAN, CREIGHTON, CURRY, DALEY, DALLY, DeWEESE, EGOLF, J. EVANS, FAIRCHILD, FICHTER, FLEAGLE, FLICK, FORCIER, GABIG, GEORGE, GODSHALL, GRUCELA, HARHAI, HARHART, HASAY, HENNESSEY, HERMAN, HERSHEY, HESS, HUTCHINSON, JADLOWIEC, JAMES, JOSEPHS, KAISER, KELLER, KIRKLAND, LAUGHLIN, LEH, LEWIS, LUCYK, MAITLAND, MAJOR, MANDERINO, MARKOSEK, MARSICO, MELIO, MICOZZIE, R. MILLER, NAILOR, PALLONE, PHILLIPS, PISTELLA, READSHAW, ROHRER, ROSS, RUBLEY, SANTONI, SATHER, SAYLOR, SCHRODER, SCHULER, SEMMEL, SHANER, B. SMITH, SOLOBAY, STABACK, SURRA, E. Z. TAYLOR, J. TAYLOR, TIGUE, TRICH, WASHINGTON, C. WILLIAMS, WOJNAROSKI, M. WRIGHT, YOUNGBLOOD, ZUG, S. MILLER, FRANKEL AND FREEMAN, SEPTEMBER 24, 2001

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
SEPTEMBER 24, 2001

A RESOLUTION

1 Declaring October 8 through 14, 2001, as "Mighty Eighth Air
2 Force Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The Eighth Air Force was formed and dispatched to
4 England in 1942 to become the largest military unit in World War
5 II and the largest bomber force of all time; and

6 WHEREAS, Over 350,000 personnel served in the Mighty Eighth
7 Air Force in Europe during that war; and

8 WHEREAS, While not a single Mighty Eighth mission was ever
9 turned back due to enemy action, 26,000 members of the force
10 were killed in action, over 28,000 became prisoners of war, and
11 the number of those missing in action and wounded is not known;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, During October 8 through 14, 1943, the Eighth Air
3 Force lost 148 heavy bombers to enemy action over the skies of
4 Europe but was able to continue a daytime strategic bombing; and

5 WHEREAS, The Eighth Air Force is presently an operational
6 combat unit with over one million men and women serving the
7 country in war and in peace; and

8 WHEREAS, The Eighth Air Force Historical Society is the
9 largest single military unit veterans group in history and holds
10 annual reunions in the month of October; and

11 WHEREAS, The Eighth Air Force Historical Society seeks to
12 remind the public of the contribution and sacrifice its members
13 have made to perpetuate our freedom and way of life; therefore
14 be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives declare October 8
16 through 14, 2001, as "Mighty Eighth Air Force Week" in
17 Pennsylvania.