
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Pennsylvania's and the nation's military personnel
2 for their service and supporting the President of the United
3 States as Commander-in-Chief of our armed services.

4 WHEREAS, As our nation prepares its response to the horrors
5 visited on our people on September 11, 2001, we pause to lend
6 our support and give thanks to those who will be seeking justice
7 for our beloved dead and injured; and

8 WHEREAS, As the President of the United States, George W.
9 Bush, said in his speech to the nation during a joint session of
10 the Congress of the United States on September 20, 2001:

11 "Whether we bring our enemies to justice, or bring justice to
12 our enemies, justice will be done"; and

13 WHEREAS, We wholeheartedly support the President of the
14 United States in his pledge to use every resource at America's
15 disposal to successfully conclude the conflict brought to our

1 peaceful shores, whether through diplomacy, the use of
2 intelligence capabilities, instruments of law enforcement and
3 elimination of financial resources or every necessary weapon of
4 war; and

5 WHEREAS, We recognize that a nation cannot maintain peace
6 without a willingness to defend itself against terrorism or
7 aggression; and

8 WHEREAS, The President of the United States has authorized
9 the call-up of 50,000 reservists; and

10 WHEREAS, More than 35,000 reservists have been activated for
11 homeland defense in order to permit troops to engage in other
12 duties; and

13 WHEREAS, Those soldiers, sailors and Marines now being
14 deployed have our complete support, unending thanks and
15 countless prayers; and

16 WHEREAS, We pray that our men and women in uniform will be
17 comforted and given strength to perform the very difficult tasks
18 ahead of them; and

19 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Division of the National Guard,
20 known as the 28th Infantry Division, is the oldest division in
21 the Army in continuous service; and

22 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania has the largest National Guard unit in
23 the United States; and

24 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's National Guard has played a crucial
25 role in every major conflict since the early days of our nation;
26 and

27 WHEREAS, The valiant citizen-soldiers of Pennsylvania's
28 National Guard, all 22,000 men and women, are properly trained
29 and stand ready to do whatever is needed in the defense of our
30 Commonwealth, our nation and our freedom; therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
2 and the people of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania commend and
3 support the President of the United States as the Commander-in-
4 Chief of our armed services; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the Senate send its support, prayers and
6 gratitude to all our military service personnel as they
7 undertake the difficult tasks that may lie ahead; and be it
8 further

9 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
10 the President of the United States, the presiding officers of
11 each house of Congress and to each member of Congress from
12 Pennsylvania.