THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 277 Session of 2006

INTRODUCED BY WAUGH, WENGER, BRIGHTBILL, FERLO, BOSCOLA, WONDERLING, FONTANA, STACK, GORDNER, ROBBINS, KASUNIC, M. WHITE, CONTI, TARTAGLIONE, TOMLINSON, GREENLEAF, LOGAN, KITCHEN, RAFFERTY, STOUT, PIPPY, EARLL, C. WILLIAMS, MELLOW, COSTA, WASHINGTON, ERICKSON, O'PAKE, PICCOLA, MUSTO, PILEGGI, D. WHITE AND RHOADES, APRIL 19, 2006

REFERRED TO VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, APRIL 19, 2006

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating May 7, 2006, as "Vietnam Veteran Remembrance Day" in 2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Beginning in 1950 and ending with troop evacuations

4 in 1975, the Vietnam War was the longest conflict in American

5 history; and

6 WHEREAS, More than 300,000 service members were wounded in

7 Vietnam and approximately 75,000 were severely disabled; and

8 WHEREAS, Of the 58,000 service members killed, 3,142 were

9 from this Commonwealth; and

10 WHEREAS, Members of the armed forces of the United States

11 stationed in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War served our

12 nation under the most trying conditions at a time when the

13 nation was divided in its support; and

14 WHEREAS, Since their return, these veterans have contributed 15 tremendously to their communities, states and nation in an

effort to advance the American ideals for which they fought; and 1 WHEREAS, We must never forget the pain and suffering that 2 3 lingers today for the men and women who fought with honor and 4 distinction in the name of freedom and democracy for all; and 5 WHEREAS, The people of this Commonwealth acknowledge the courage, sacrifice, honor and positive achievements of our 6 nation's Vietnam veterans and their families; and 7 8 WHEREAS, All patriotic citizens and especially the Vietnam 9 veteran community of this Commonwealth, along with families and 10 friends, appreciate and remember those Americans who served and 11 fought, those who were wounded, those who are missing and those who died during this era; and 12

13 WHEREAS, Vietnam veterans organizations promote public 14 recognition of these sacrifices, advocate commemoration of 15 United States involvement in Vietnam and reaffirm their 16 dedication to duty, honor and courage as fellow Vietnam combat 17 veterans; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate extend its gratitude and reaffirm its appreciation to our sons and daughters who contributed to the security of the United States through honorable military service in Vietnam; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Senate designate May 7, 2006, as "Vietnam
Veteran Remembrance Day" in Pennsylvania.