
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 275 Session of
2007

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TANGRETTI, GOODMAN AND MUNDY, MAY 18, 2007

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MAY 18, 2007

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of May 2007 as "Poppy Month" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Noticed as early as the Napoleonic Wars, red poppies
4 grew on the graves of dead soldiers in the fields of northern
5 Europe; and

6 WHEREAS, Throughout history, red poppies have sprouted in
7 battlefields and on soldiers' graves after a major war; and

8 WHEREAS, During World War I poppies bloomed in bomb craters
9 on the battlefield at Ypres, Belgium; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1915 Colonel John McCrea immortalized those
11 poppies in a poem which begins "In Flanders Fields the poppies
12 blow"; and

1 WHEREAS, Inspired by McCrea's poem, American Moina Michael
2 wore a red poppy to honor the war dead and began to sell poppies
3 to raise money for disabled veterans; and

4 WHEREAS, The tradition of selling paper poppies spread in
5 North America, and poppies have been sold in many countries to
6 benefit veterans organizations; and

7 WHEREAS, By wearing a red poppy, we salute the memory of
8 those who sacrificed their health, their strength and their
9 lives so that we might live in a free country; and

10 WHEREAS, Red poppies carry further significance during
11 remembrance days; and

12 WHEREAS, The red petals symbolize the vast outpouring of
13 blood; and

14 WHEREAS, The green and black center symbolizes the mud and
15 desolation of all battlefields; and

16 WHEREAS, The green of the stem symbolizes the forests,
17 meadows and fields where generations of Americans have perished
18 in defense of our freedom; and

19 WHEREAS, The stem symbolizes the courage and determination of
20 fallen soldiers; and

21 WHEREAS, The assembled paper poppy symbolizes remembrance and
22 resurrection; therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
24 month of May 2007 as "Poppy Month" in Pennsylvania.