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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 320 Session of  
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PETRONE, JUNE 5, 2007

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
JUNE 5, 2007

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of October 2007 as "Agent Orange  
2 Recognition Month" in 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, During the Vietnam War, American servicepersons  
7 displayed heroic courage and determination under some of the  
8 most difficult circumstances ever encountered in United States  
9 military history; and

10 WHEREAS, Approximately 498,000 men and women from this  
11 Commonwealth served during the Vietnam War era, an estimated  
12 172,000 of whom directly participated in the war; and

1       WHEREAS, According to the United States Department of  
2 Veterans Affairs, approximately 20 million gallons of Agent  
3 Orange and other herbicides were used during the Vietnam War;  
4 and

5       WHEREAS, Thousands of Vietnam War veterans have died due to  
6 the use of Agent Orange; and

7       WHEREAS, Thousands of veterans still suffer from cancer and  
8 other health disorders caused by exposure to Agent Orange; and

9       WHEREAS, Veterans with health problems caused by Agent Orange  
10 live with the knowledge that genetic damage resulting from their  
11 exposure to Agent Orange may be handed down through generations;  
12 therefore be it

13       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
14 month of October 2007 as "Agent Orange Recognition Month" in  
15 Pennsylvania.