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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 7, 2008

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating April 23, 2008, as "United States Army Reserve Day"
2 in Pennsylvania, in celebration of the 100th birthday of the
3 United States Army Reserve, honoring its commitment,
4 dedication and service to America, and wishing it and our
5 soldiers continued support.

6 WHEREAS, In 1908, the nation's leaders knew that the most up-
7 to-date medical experience resided in the civilian sector, which
8 created the first reservoir of trained officers in a reserve
9 status, known as the Medical Reserve Corps; and

10 WHEREAS, Today, more than 59% percent of the United States
11 Army's medical assets lie within the Army Reserve; and

1 WHEREAS, In 1916 the Congress of the United States passed the
2 National Defense Act, creating the Officers' Reserve Corps (ORC)
3 and the Enlisted Reserve Corps; and

4 WHEREAS, In both World Wars, reserve soldiers answered the
5 call of duty; and

6 WHEREAS, In World War I, the Army Reserve contributed 169,500
7 soldiers to the Army, and during World War II, 200,000 members
8 of the ORC participated, with Reserve Officers providing 29% of
9 the Army's officers; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1952, legislation renamed the ORC as the Army
11 Reserve and then divided it into three reserves, an individual
12 Ready Reserve, a Standby Reserve and a Retired Reserve; and

13 WHEREAS, Legislation also provided that reserve units have 24
14 training days and up to 17 days of annual training; and

15 WHEREAS, The Army Reserve has been an integral part of
16 numerous conflicts, with more than 400 Army Reserve units
17 deployed to the Korean Peninsula, more than 84,000 soldiers
18 providing combat support during Operations Desert Shield and
19 Desert Storm, and other Army Reserve soldiers providing support
20 in Somalia, Haiti, Bosnia, Kosovo, Operation Enduring Freedom,
21 Operation Noble Eagle and Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

22 WHEREAS, The role of the Army Reserve has changed over time,
23 and has moved from a strategic reserve to an operational force;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, The Army Reserve also provides resources and
26 training to first-responder organizations across the nation,
27 trains soldiers, implements national objectives, keeps the Army
28 mobile and enables the Army to do more with fewer resources; and

29 WHEREAS, The Army Reserve makes up 20% of the Army's
30 organized units, but provides one-half of the Army's combat

1 support and one-fourth of its mobilization base expansion
2 capabilities; therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate April
4 23, 2008, as "United States Army Reserve Day" in Pennsylvania,
5 in celebration of the 100th birthday of the United States Army
6 Reserve, honor its service to America and wish it and our
7 soldiers another century of continued support.