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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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DECEMBER 9, 2009

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, DECEMBER 9, 2009

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A RESOLUTION

1 Ratifying the designation of Valley Forge Military College as  
2 the Official Military College of Pennsylvania, endorsing and  
3 encouraging participation in the Valley Forge Military  
4 College Legislative Appointment Initiative Program.

5 WHEREAS, The Valley Forge Military College Legislative  
6 Appointment Initiative Program (Initiative Program) serves to  
7 identify young men and women who possess or have demonstrated  
8 the highest physical, intellectual, moral and leadership  
9 potential and service-to-country-orientation and who have an  
10 interest in attending the two-year, postsecondary educational  
11 institution at Valley Forge Military College, the "Official  
12 Military College of Pennsylvania" and to help facilitate their  
13 receipt of financial assistance to attend the college; and

14 WHEREAS, The Initiative Program may be used to complement the

1 Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) and the Early  
2 Commissioning Program (ECP), and students who are accepted into  
3 the ECP at Valley Forge Military College are commissioned as  
4 officers in the United States Army upon graduation and are also  
5 awarded a scholarship and earnings; and

6 WHEREAS, Financial allowances and an \$8,500 scholarship under  
7 the Initiative Program can provide a student with a cost-free  
8 postsecondary education; and

9 WHEREAS, This program is open to all men and women,  
10 regardless of race, creed, ethnicity or nationality, who are  
11 legal residents of this Commonwealth, who have successfully  
12 completed and graduated from a secondary school and who are  
13 believed to possess the intellectual, moral and leadership  
14 potential and the skills or accomplishments to successfully  
15 matriculate at the Official Military College of Pennsylvania or  
16 who otherwise meet the academic, intellectual, moral and  
17 physical eligibility standards of the college; and

18 WHEREAS, Each individual appointed who meets the minimum  
19 standard guidelines set each year by Valley Forge Military  
20 College is guaranteed acceptance into the Valley Forge Military  
21 College and is academically eligible for an ECP scholarship and  
22 admission into the ECP; and

23 WHEREAS, Each representative will be authorized to establish  
24 a committee to select a legislative appointee to the freshman  
25 class each year, and each legislative appointee will receive an  
26 Initiative Program scholarship for each year of their two years  
27 of attendance at Valley Forge Military College; and

28 WHEREAS, Valley Forge Military College will fund and provide  
29 the Initiative Program scholarship to each legislative  
30 appointee, and each legislative appointee is guaranteed

1 acceptance to Valley Forge Military College and to receipt of  
2 the Initiative Program scholarship; and

3 WHEREAS, Accepted students will officially be placed into  
4 nomination for an ROTC scholarship; and

5 WHEREAS, The legislative appointee is not required to enter  
6 the ROTC or the ECP but, by doing so, can become a commissioned  
7 officer in the United States Army upon graduation from Valley  
8 Forge Military College and essentially have a 100% scholarship  
9 to Valley Forge Military College; and

10 WHEREAS, Upon admission, each legislative appointee will be  
11 required to take the oath of allegiance administered by Valley  
12 Forge Military College to support and defend the Constitution of  
13 the United States and of the Commonwealth; and

14 WHEREAS, Upon acceptance, a certificate will be issued by  
15 Valley Forge Military College evidencing the legislative  
16 appointment and the member of the House of Representatives  
17 whose committee selected the appointee; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives endorse and  
19 support the Valley Forge Military College Legislative  
20 Appointment Initiative Program; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the Committee on Ethics of the House of  
22 Representatives develop guidelines to govern local selection  
23 committees to help ensure that the selection committees and  
24 legislative appointments do not create any conflicts of interest  
25 or otherwise violate 65 Pa.C.S. Ch. 11 (relating to ethics  
26 standards and financial disclosure) or the act of July 10, 1968  
27 (P.L.316, No.154), known as the Legislative Code of Ethics; and  
28 be it further

29 RESOLVED, That members of the House of Representatives be  
30 encouraged to establish local selection committees to identify

1 and select applicants for appointment in accordance with the  
2 guidelines developed pursuant to this resolution; and be it  
3 further

4       RESOLVED, That the designation of Valley Forge Military  
5 College, located in Wayne, Pennsylvania, be ratified and that  
6 the college be again designated as the "Official Military  
7 College of Pennsylvania."