

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, AUGUST 16, 2010

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the United States Air Force by designating September  
2 18, 2010, as "Air Force Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, On September 18, 1947, the United States Air Force  
4 began as a separate arm of the newly created United States  
5 Department of Defense with the swearing in of its first  
6 secretary, Stuart Symington; and

7 WHEREAS, The Air Force was created as a service separate from  
8 the United States Army and the United States Navy with the  
9 passage of the National Security Act of 1947, reflecting the  
10 fact that air power had been developed to a point where its  
11 responsibilities were equal to those of land and sea power; and

12 WHEREAS, President Harry S. Truman signed the National

Security Act of 1947 on July 26, 1947, while flying aboard the presidential plane, a Douglas VC-54C named Sacred Cow; and

WHEREAS, The modern Air Force began its distinguished history with its origins in the United States Army Signal Corps during the early years of the 20th century; and

WHEREAS, During World War II, air power had truly come of age as American military pilots bravely and effectively fought in the skies above the European and Pacific Theaters; and

WHEREAS, The United States Air Force subsequently played a key role in countering the Communist threat during the Cold War era; and

WHEREAS, Today's modern Air Force proudly and successfully performs its mission on a global scale and its highly trained service persons use state-of-the-art technology to quickly engage the defense and protection of America's citizens and allies; and

WHEREAS, Members of the United States Air Force are pledged to live by the core value of "Integrity First," which includes a commitment to courage, honesty, responsibility, accountability, justice, openness, self-respect and humility; and

WHEREAS, The second core value of the United States Air Force, "Service Before Self," includes rule following, respect for others, discipline and self-control; and

WHEREAS, The third core value of the United States Air Force, "Excellence in All We Do," includes a commitment to excellence in the areas of product and service, personal and professional life, community, resources and operations; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the United States Air Force by designating September 18, 2010, as "Air Force Day" in Pennsylvania.