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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
FEBRUARY 1, 2011

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of United States Army Major Richard D.
2 Winters, who died on January 2, 2011.

3 WHEREAS, Although the heroism of United States Army Major
4 Richard D. Winters did not receive international acclaim until
5 the release of the television mini-series "Band of Brothers" in
6 2001, all who knew of his valor and outstanding leadership were
7 not surprised that his exploits and the exploits of the men of
8 his company were chosen to be featured in this series; and

9 WHEREAS, The "Band of Brothers" mini-series documented the
10 story of E "Easy" Company of 506th Regiment, 101st Airborne
11 Division, and their missions in Europe during World War II from
12 the beginning of their training in 1942 for Operation Overlord,
13 as the days involving D-Day were called, through V-J, or Victory
14 over Japan, Day on August 15, 1945; and

1 WHEREAS, The company parachuted behind enemy lines in the
2 early hours of D-Day, on June 6, 1944, in support of Americans
3 landing at Utah Beach, participated in the liberation of
4 Carentan, fought in the Battle of the Bulge, again parachuted
5 into action during Operation Market Garden, liberated a
6 concentration camp at Dachau and were the first to enter Adolph
7 Hitler's mountain retreat in Berchtesgaden; and

8 WHEREAS, Easy Company's story is an exemplary tale of
9 comradeship that is, in summary, a tale of ordinary men who did
10 extraordinary things; and

11 WHEREAS, The man in charge of Easy Company was a young
12 lieutenant from Palmyra and a graduate of Franklin and Marshall
13 College whose extraordinary planning, commanding and fighting on
14 D-Day in Nazi-occupied Normandy, during his regiment's first
15 combat operation, saved countless lives and expedited the Allies
16 landing and inland advance;

17 WHEREAS, With his company outnumbered by German soldiers,
18 young Winters destroyed German guns at Brecourt Manor and
19 secured causeways for troops coming off Utah Beach; and

20 WHEREAS, Major Winters' tactics and strategy for a small-unit
21 assault on German artillery have been taught in the days since
22 WWII at the United States Military Academy at West Point; and

23 WHEREAS, His wisdom and courage throughout the remaining days
24 of the war inspired his service colleagues through example and
25 effectively maneuvered his company during the campaign for the
26 liberation of Europe; and

27 WHEREAS, After the war, Major Winters returned to central
28 Pennsylvania, married and, with his wife Ethel, raised two
29 children on their farm near Fredericksburg while working in the
30 agricultural feed business; and

1 WHEREAS, Major Winters died on January 2, 2011, at the age of
2 92, still exemplifying the quiet American hero who personifies
3 greatness and inspires others by his understanding of courage,
4 honesty, virtue and the difference between right and wrong; and

5 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is justifiably proud of this native
6 son; therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the life of
8 United States Army Major Richard D. Winters, who died on January
9 2, 2011.