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## A RESOLUTION

1 Paying tribute to the heroic efforts and sacrifices of the  
2 United States Armed Forces during the Battle of Iwo Jima on  
3 its 66th anniversary.

4 WHEREAS, The World War II battle for the Island of Iwo Jima  
5 was the most difficult in United States Marine Corps history;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Understanding that the price they were expected to  
8 pay was high, the soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen whose  
9 mission it was to take the Island of Iwo Jima nevertheless set  
10 to the task with extraordinary determination; and

11 WHEREAS, The United States Marine Corps suffered more than  
12 23,000 casualties, including nearly 6,000 marines who lost their

1 lives; and

2 WHEREAS, The United States Marine Corps fought against an  
3 entrenched and determined enemy force numbering approximately  
4 20,000 soldiers and sailors; and

5 WHEREAS, The courageous men battled yard by yard over a 36-  
6 day period to conquer the eight-square-mile volcanic island; and

7 WHEREAS, The victory achieved at Iwo Jima provided the United  
8 States with a strategic base in the Western Pacific for the  
9 final push against the enemy, thereby bringing the Pacific phase  
10 of World War II one step closer to its conclusion; and

11 WHEREAS, When the American flag was raised over Mount  
12 Suribachi, signifying American command over the island, the  
13 conduct of these fighting men was such that Admiral Chester  
14 Nimitz proclaimed that during this battle "uncommon valor was a  
15 common virtue"; and

16 WHEREAS, The American victory, and the symbolic culmination  
17 of countless acts of bravery and selfless sacrifice, was  
18 captured for all and etched indelibly in our consciousness in  
19 the photograph of the planting of the flag on Mount Suribachi;  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, That powerful image evokes profound thoughts and  
22 emotions for generations removed from the epic battle; and

23 WHEREAS, Iwo Jima has entered the history books as one of the  
24 most courageous examples of the fighting spirit of the United  
25 States Armed Forces; and

26 WHEREAS, The 66th anniversary of the Battle of Iwo Jima will  
27 commence on February 19, 2011; therefore be it

28 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge all  
29 Pennsylvanians to join their fellow Americans in paying tribute  
30 to the courageous members of the United States Armed Forces who

1 were involved in the Battle of Iwo Jima and use February 19,  
2 2011, as a time of reflection on the bravery and spirit of our  
3 servicemen.