
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 164 Session of
2013

INTRODUCED BY GREINER, MARCH 15, 2013

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MARCH 15, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Bronze Star Medal recipient Staff Sergeant Wilmer R.
2 Gentry in recognition of his 22 years of meritorious service
3 to his country.

4 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Wilmer R. Gentry served 22 years of
5 active duty with the United States Marine Corps, attaining the
6 rank of Staff Sergeant; and

7 WHEREAS, S. Sgt. Gentry served in the Korean War and two
8 tours of duty in Vietnam; and

9 WHEREAS, In Vietnam, he was assigned as a section chief of an
10 M-55 howitzer gun crew and was always the first to step forward
11 to accept the most dangerous tasks that confronted his unit; and

12 WHEREAS, S. Sgt. Gentry further served as a forward observer
13 scout sergeant at remote outposts in the heart of Viet Cong
14 territory, a commander of a detached howitzer platoon and a
15 noncommissioned officer in charge of a special unit assigned to
16 conduct a reconnaissance mission; and

17 WHEREAS, S. Sgt. Gentry is being presented with the Bronze
18 Star Medal in recognition of his meritorious service as a member

1 of the United States Marine Corps; and

2 WHEREAS, The Bronze Star is the fourth highest award for
3 bravery, heroism or meritorious service in the United States
4 Armed Forces and was established by President Franklin D.
5 Roosevelt in 1944; and

6 WHEREAS, S. Sgt. Gentry graduated from George Washington
7 University and Saint Leo University and retired as Chief
8 Executive Officer of the American Red Cross in Lancaster; and

9 WHEREAS, Throughout his military career, S. Sgt. Gentry
10 displayed conspicuous gallantry, extraordinary heroism and
11 intrepid leadership; therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor Bronze Star
13 Medal recipient S. Sgt. Wilmer R. Gentry in recognition of his
14 22 years of meritorious service to his country; and be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to S.
17 Sgt. Wilmer R. Gentry, 303 Hilltop Drive, Ephrata, Pennsylvania
18 17522.