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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JUNE 24, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing November 10, 2013, as "Marine Corps Day" in
2 Pennsylvania in honor of the United States Marine Corps'
3 238th anniversary.

4 WHEREAS, The United States Marine Corps was founded as the
5 Continental Marines by a resolution passed by the Second
6 Continental Congress on November 10, 1775; and

7 WHEREAS, The Marine Corps has fought with great courage on
8 six continents and in every conflict in American history,
9 including the Revolutionary War, the Civil War, World War I,
10 World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam Conflict; and

11 WHEREAS, The Marine Corps is serving in support of Operation
12 Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

1 WHEREAS, The Marine Corps has fought valiantly in defense of
2 the United States and its citizens and principles; and

3 WHEREAS, There are approximately 201,000 active duty and
4 100,000 reserve members of the Marine Corps; and

5 WHEREAS, Marines recognize the Marine Corps as a tradition
6 built on time-honored values and principles; and

7 WHEREAS, Marines truly embody the motto of the Marine Corps:
8 "Semper Fidelis" translates from Latin as "always faithful" and
9 signifies the defense of freedom and democracy worldwide; and

10 WHEREAS, "*Raising of the Flag on Iwo Jima*," the famous
11 photograph by Joe Rosenthal, will always symbolize the triumph
12 and glory of the Marine Corps; and

13 WHEREAS, The Marine Corps' Air Ground Task Force integrates a
14 ground combat element, an aviation combat element and a
15 logistics combat element under a common command element; and

16 WHEREAS, Known for its amphibious and land capabilities, the
17 Air Ground Task Force operates independently or as part of a
18 larger coalition; and

19 WHEREAS, During World War I, Marines fought their famed
20 Battle at Belleau Wood, establishing their reputation of
21 toughness and fierceness; and

22 WHEREAS, The Marine Corps played a central role in the
23 liberation of the Pacific Islands during World War II; and

24 WHEREAS, The momentum of the Korean War shifted when the
25 Marine Corps, in conjunction with the Navy, launched a massive
26 amphibious attack at Inchon, surprising the North Koreans by
27 putting thousands of United States troops behind enemy lines;
28 and

29 WHEREAS, The Marine Corps participated in major offensives of
30 the Vietnam Conflict, engaging in guerrilla warfare,

1 implementing unconventional techniques for counterinsurgency and
2 working as military advisors to the Republic of Vietnam Marine
3 Corps; and

4 WHEREAS, From 1990 to 1992, Marines participated in Operation
5 Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm, leading the liberation
6 of Kuwait and the defeat of Iraqi forces; and

7 WHEREAS, The Marine Corps continues to make significant
8 contributions to the war on terrorism as part of Operation
9 Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

10 WHEREAS, The Marine Corps supports peacekeeping missions and
11 humanitarian operations in countries such as Liberia,
12 Bangladesh, the Philippines and Somalia; and

13 WHEREAS, Marine Corps Order No. 47, Series 192, written by
14 Major Commandant General John A. Lejeune, established the
15 mandatory celebration of the Marine Corps' anniversary;
16 therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize
18 November 10, 2013, as "Marine Corps Day" in Pennsylvania in
19 honor of the United States Marine Corps' 238th anniversary.