
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 503 Session of
2013

INTRODUCED BY CLYMER, BARRAR, SAINATO, HEFFLEY, KIRKLAND, VEREB,
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GINGRICH, MENTZER, READSHAW, HAHN, MIRABITO, GROVE, GRELL,
SCHLEGEL CULVER AND V. BROWN, OCTOBER 15, 2013

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, OCTOBER 15, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Strongly urging the President of the United States to
2 immediately reopen the National World War II Memorial.

3 WHEREAS, The National World War II Memorial was authorized in
4 1993; and

5 WHEREAS, The National World War II Memorial is the first
6 national memorial dedicated to all who served during World War
7 II; and

8 WHEREAS, The memorial acknowledges the commitment and
9 achievement of the entire nation; and

10 WHEREAS, More than 16 million who served in the United States
11 Armed Forces are honored by the memorial along with the more
12 than 400,000 who died in addition to the millions who supported
13 the war effort from home; and

14 WHEREAS, The memorial is considered a monument to the spirit,
15 sacrifice and commitment of the American people; and

16 WHEREAS, The American people were committed to the common

1 defense of this nation and to the cause of freedom from tyranny
2 throughout the world; and

3 WHEREAS, The memorial inspires each generation of Americans
4 and will continue to deepen their appreciation of what the World
5 War II generation accomplished in securing freedom and
6 democracy; and

7 WHEREAS, On October 1, 2013, the Federal Government began a
8 government-wide shutdown until further notice; and

9 WHEREAS, The National Park Service, which operates and
10 maintains the National World War II Memorial, shut down and
11 barricaded the memorial; and

12 WHEREAS, Many veterans and their families, including World
13 War II veterans, traveled from all over the country to visit the
14 memorial; and

15 WHEREAS, Many of the World War II veterans who visited the
16 site may never have another chance to return; and

17 WHEREAS, The United States is losing hundreds of its World
18 War II veterans every day and each day the memorial is closed
19 represents a day lost to a member of the greatest generation;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, The National World War II Memorial for the sake of
22 honor, decency and respect, should never close for any reason;
23 therefore be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives express its
25 collective displeasure with the decision to close one of the
26 most important symbols of American national unity, strength and
27 courage of the free people; and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives strongly urge the
29 President of the United States to immediately reopen the
30 National World War II Memorial; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
2 the President of the United States and to the Secretary of the
3 Interior.