

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 503 Session of 2013

INTRODUCED BY CLYMER, BARRAR, SAINATO, HEFFLEY, KIRKLAND, VEREB, CAUSER, TOEPEL, EMRICK, SANKEY, STERN, ROCK, MILLARD, KORTZ, MARSHALL, KOTIK, BOBACK, ADOLPH, TOBASH, PICKETT, MURT, GINGRICH, MENTZER, READSHAW, HAHN, MIRABITO, GROVE, GRELL, SCHLEGEL CULVER, V. BROWN AND FARRY, OCTOBER 15, 2013

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, OCTOBER 16, 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

1 WHEREAS, The American people were committed to the common
2 defense of this nation and to the cause of freedom from tyranny
3 throughout the world; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

29 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives strongly urge the
30 President of the United States to immediately reopen the

1 National World War II Memorial; and be it further
2 RESOLVED, THAT THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES IMMEDIATELY <--
3 REOPEN ALL FEDERAL MONUMENTS, MEMORIALS AND BATTLEFIELD MEMORIAL
4 FACILITIES THAT HONOR OUR HEROIC VETERANS; AND BE IT FURTHER
5 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
6 the President of the United States and to the Secretary of the
7 Interior.