

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, FARRY, DENLINGER, GILLEN AND QUINN, OCTOBER 15, 2013

AS AMENDED, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, NOVEMBER 12, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Strongly urging ~~the President~~ CONGRESS of the United States to <--
2 immediately ~~reopen the National World War II Memorial~~ PASS A <--
3 LAW THAT PROHIBITS CLOSING OR BARRICADING OPEN-AIR FEDERAL
4 MONUMENTS, MEMORIALS AND BATTLEFIELD MEMORIAL FACILITIES THAT
5 HONOR OUR HEROIC VETERANS.

6 WHEREAS, The National World War II Memorial was authorized in
7 1993; and

8 WHEREAS, The National World War II Memorial is the first
9 national memorial dedicated to all who served during World War
10 II; and

11 WHEREAS, The memorial acknowledges the commitment and
12 achievement of the entire nation; and

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

17 WHEREAS, The memorial is considered a monument to the spirit,

1 sacrifice and commitment of the American people; and

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

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

9 WHEREAS, On October 1, 2013, the Federal Government began a  
10 government-wide shutdown ~~until further notice~~ THAT LASTED UNTIL <--  
11 OCTOBER 17, 2013; and

12 WHEREAS, ~~The~~ DURING THAT TIME, THE National Park Service, <--  
13 which operates and maintains the National World War II Memorial,  
14 shut down and barricaded the memorial; and

15 WHEREAS, Many veterans and their families, including World  
16 War II veterans, traveled from all over the country to visit the  
17 memorial DURING THE SHUTDOWN; and <--

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

20 WHEREAS, The United States is losing hundreds of its World  
21 War II veterans every day and each day the memorial ~~is~~ WAS <--  
22 closed ~~represents~~ REPRESENTED a day lost to a member of the <--  
23 greatest generation; and

24 WHEREAS, The National World War II Memorial for the sake of  
25 honor, decency and respect, should never ~~close~~ HAVE BEEN CLOSED <--  
26 for any reason; therefore be it

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

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives strongly urge ~~the~~ <--  
2 ~~President of the United States to immediately reopen the~~  
3 ~~National World War II Memorial; and be it further~~

4 ~~RESOLVED, That the President of the United States immediately~~  
5 ~~reopen all~~ THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO IMMEDIATELY PASS <--  
6 A LAW THAT PROHIBITS CLOSING OR BARRICADING OPEN-AIR Federal  
7 monuments, memorials and battlefield memorial facilities that  
8 honor our heroic veterans; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That ~~a copy~~ COPIES of this resolution be <--  
10 transmitted to the President of the United States ~~and to the~~ <--  
11 ~~Secretary of the Interior,~~ THE PRESIDING OFFICERS OF EACH HOUSE <--  
12 OF CONGRESS AND TO EACH MEMBER OF CONGRESS FROM PENNSYLVANIA.