
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 464 Session of
2015

INTRODUCED BY GILLEN, SCHWEYER, BARRAR, SAINATO, READSHAW, BARBIN, BISHOP, BIZZARRO, BOBACK, R. BROWN, CALTAGIRONE, COHEN, CONKLIN, CORBIN, D. COSTA, COX, SCHLEGEL CULVER, DAY, DEAN, DEASY, DeLUCA, DiGIROLAMO, DONATUCCI, DRISCOLL, DUSH, EVERETT, FARRY, FEE, GIBBONS, GINGRICH, GODSHALL, GOODMAN, GROVE, HAHN, HARHART, A. HARRIS, HENNESSEY, HICKERNELL, IRVIN, JOZWIAK, KAUFFMAN, KAVULICH, W. KELLER, KILLION, KINSEY, KLUNK, LONGIETTI, MAJOR, MARSICO, MCGINNIS, McNEILL, MILLARD, MURT, PAYNE, QUINN, RAPP, ROSS, ROZZI, SACCONI, SAYLOR, SNYDER, SONNEY, THOMAS, VEREB, WARD, WATSON, WHEELAND AND YOUNGBLOOD, SEPTEMBER 4, 2015

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
SEPTEMBER 4, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing September 11, 2015, as "Keystone Wounded Warrior
2 Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, According to a February 2013 Congressional Research
4 Service report entitled "U.S. Military Casualty Statistics:
5 Operation New Dawn, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Operation
6 Enduring Freedom," 50,450 United States service members have
7 been wounded since Operation Iraqi Freedom first began; and

8 WHEREAS, From 2002 to December 2012, 103,792 service members
9 who were deployed in these conflicts were diagnosed with post-
10 traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and 253,330 service members
11 were diagnosed with a traumatic brain injury of some kind; and

12 WHEREAS, As a result of battle injuries, 1,715 service
13 members received wounds that required amputations and 1,493 have

1 lost major limbs; and

2 WHEREAS, According to the Department of Defense, as of
3 January 9, 2013, 235 service members have died of self-inflicted
4 wounds while serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation New
5 Dawn and 97 have died of self-inflicted wounds while serving in
6 Operation Enduring Freedom; and

7 WHEREAS, Founded in 2009, Keystone Wounded Warriors is an
8 eastern Pennsylvania-based nonprofit corporation that seeks to
9 honor the daily sacrifices made by the brave men and women in
10 all branches of the United States Armed Forces and specifically
11 focuses on those wounded on or after September 11, 2001; and

12 WHEREAS, Keystone Wounded Warriors aids Pennsylvania Wounded
13 Warriors by raising public awareness and seeking public support
14 of programs and services that assist our wounded warriors as
15 they transition back to civilian life; and

16 WHEREAS, Keystone Wounded Warriors provide direct resources
17 for daily needs such as groceries and personal items for wounded
18 warriors and their families, help to provide specialized
19 physical training and goal setting to ensure our wounded
20 warriors have the opportunity to stay active and provide
21 counseling and mentorship by working with local veterans'
22 counseling centers; therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize
24 September 11, 2015, as "Keystone Wounded Warrior Day" in
25 Pennsylvania; and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage the
27 residents of this great Commonwealth to support groups such as
28 Keystone Wounded Warriors to ensure that the many sacrifices of
29 our brave servicemen and servicewomen are not forgotten.