
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 573 Session of
2015

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
NOVEMBER 5, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring all Pennsylvania veterans who served during war and
2 peace on the occasion of Veterans Day, November 11, 2015.

3 WHEREAS, In 1918, on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day in
4 the eleventh month, the world rejoiced and celebrated because,
5 after four years of bitter war, an armistice was signed that
6 declared the "war to end all wars" over; and

7 WHEREAS, November 11 was set aside as Armistice Day in the
8 United States to remember the sacrifices men and women made
9 during World War I in order to ensure a lasting peace; and

10 WHEREAS, On Armistice Day, soldiers who survived the war
11 marched in parades through their hometowns, and politicians,
12 public officials and veteran officers gave speeches and held

1 ceremonies of thanks for the peace they had won; and

2 WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States voted Armistice
3 Day a legal holiday in 1938, but Americans realized that the
4 previous war would not be the last one; and

5 WHEREAS, World War II began the following year, and nations
6 great and small again participated in a bloody struggle; and

7 WHEREAS, After World War II, Armistice Day continued to be
8 observed on November 11; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1953, townspeople in Emporia, Kansas, called the
10 holiday "Veterans Day" in gratitude to the veterans in their
11 town; and

12 WHEREAS, Soon after, Congress passed a bill renaming the
13 national holiday as Veterans Day; and

14 WHEREAS, Americans still give thanks to veterans for their
15 service on Veterans Day with ceremonies and speeches, and at 11
16 a.m., many Americans observe a moment of silence in remembrance
17 of those who fought and for those who gave their lives to
18 preserve the freedoms we now enjoy; therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor all
20 Pennsylvania veterans who served during war and peace on the
21 occasion of Veterans Day, November 11, 2015, and honor the men
22 and women who currently serve in our armed forces at home and
23 abroad in America's war on terrorism; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage
25 communities to participate in Veterans Day ceremonies across
26 this Commonwealth in recognition of those who have served the
27 United States and this Commonwealth in the past and those who
28 continue to serve our country in its current time of need.