
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of June 12 through 18, 2016, as "State
2 Veterans' Homes Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The history of our nation reflects the memories of
4 the men and women who have succeeded in preserving our freedom
5 over the course of more than two centuries, and whose task,
6 while unquantifiable in terms of sacrifice and commitment,
7 stands as a lasting tribute to the ideals we value as Americans;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, These heroes relinquished a part of their lives in
10 defense of the United States and their struggles will never be
11 forgotten, overlooked or underestimated; and

12 WHEREAS, Those who served this nation in the United States
13 Armed Forces forever carry the virtues of liberty, freedom and
14 the right to independence, and we, as citizens of the United
15 States of America, owe an incalculable debt to these men and
16 women and should take time to thank each of these American
17 heroes, past and present; and

1 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth has, for more than 100 years,
2 provided a home for these distinguished veterans in need; and

3 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania will continue to honor its veterans by
4 providing them with the support they so richly deserve; and

5 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania offers its veterans and their spouses
6 exceptional around-the-clock care through a network of six
7 extended-care facilities located in major population centers
8 throughout this Commonwealth; and

9 WHEREAS, These six homes serve more than 1,500 eligible
10 veterans and their spouses; and

11 WHEREAS, These facilities, offering personal care, skilled
12 nursing care, domiciliary care and dementia care, rate
13 exceptionally high in patient satisfaction levels compared to
14 the national average; and

15 WHEREAS, This system is comprised of the Delaware Valley
16 Veterans Home, the Gino J. Merli Veterans Center, Hollidaysburg
17 Veterans Home, Pennsylvania Soldiers' and Sailors' Home,
18 Southeastern Veterans Center and Southwestern Veterans Center;
19 therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That in recognition of our veterans and veterans'
21 homes, the Senate designate the week of June 12 through 18,
22 2016, as "State Veterans' Homes Week" in Pennsylvania and
23 encourage all residents to visit a State-supported home in Erie,
24 Hollidaysburg, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Scranton or Spring
25 City, and thank these cherished veterans and the dedicated
26 personnel who serve them.