
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
FEBRUARY 14, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating May 23, 2017, as "Rosie the Riveter Day" in
2 Pennsylvania and honoring the service and contributions of
3 the millions of women who entered the work force during World
4 War II.

5 WHEREAS, During World War II, 16 million American men left
6 their jobs in order to fight the Axis powers around the world;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Millions of vacant jobs were filled by women who
9 traditionally did not work in the manufacturing sector; and

10 WHEREAS, In an effort to recruit these women into the work
11 force, the Federal Government began a campaign that included
12 magazine articles appealing to women; and

13 WHEREAS, On the cover of the May 29, 1943, edition of the
14 *Saturday Evening Post*, Norman Rockwell illustrated the first
15 Rosie the Riveter; and

1 WHEREAS, The millions of women who helped to support the war
2 effort began to identify with Rosie the Riveter; and

3 WHEREAS, Among those identifying with this imagery were the
4 thousands of women from this Commonwealth who helped
5 Pennsylvania become "The Arsenal of America"; and

6 WHEREAS, These women built ships at the Philadelphia Naval
7 Shipyard, assembled anti-aircraft guns at the Naval Ordnance
8 Plant in York, assisted with the production of heavy trucks at
9 the Mack Plant in Allentown and overhauled battle-worn airplanes
10 at the Harrisburg Shops in Middletown; and

11 WHEREAS, During World War II, the working women of this
12 Commonwealth and the United States saw Rosie the Riveter as an
13 icon of female patriotism and a symbol of what was necessary to
14 support the war effort on the home front; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate May 23,
16 2017, as "Rosie the Riveter Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the service
19 and contributions of the millions of women who entered the work
20 force during World War II.