
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 625 Session of
2017

INTRODUCED BY BARRAR, ROZZI, SAINATO, BAKER, BARBIN, BOBACK,
BURNS, CALTAGIRONE, CHARLTON, CORBIN, COX, DIGIROLAMO,
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NEILSON, O'NEILL, PASHINSKI, PICKETT, READSHAW, RYAN,
SANTORA, SAYLOR, SONNEY, TOOHL, WARD, WATSON AND SCHWEYER,
DECEMBER 5, 2017

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
DECEMBER 5, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating December 16, 2017, as "Wreaths Across America Day"
2 in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The Wreaths Across America project began in 1992
4 with the transportation and placement of 5,000 Maine balsam fir
5 remembrance wreaths on the graves of the fallen heroes buried at
6 Arlington National Cemetery; and

7 WHEREAS, The Wreaths Across America project is recognized
8 annually in December; and

9 WHEREAS, More than 3,317,000 wreaths have been sent to
10 locations, including national cemeteries and veterans memorials,
11 in every state and overseas; and

12 WHEREAS, Each December hundreds of thousands of individuals
13 volunteer to help lay remembrance wreaths; and

14 WHEREAS, In 2016, more than 1,200,000 wreaths were placed at
15 1,226 locations nationwide; and

1 WHEREAS, The mission of the Wreaths Across America project,
2 to "Remember, Honor and Teach," is carried out in part by
3 coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies in all 50 states, at sea
4 and abroad, including at Arlington National Cemetery, veterans
5 cemeteries and other locations; and

6 WHEREAS, The Wreaths Across America project includes a
7 weeklong veterans parade between Maine and Virginia to spread a
8 message about the importance of remembering the fallen heroes of
9 the United States, honoring those who serve and reminding
10 citizens of the sacrifices made by veterans and their families
11 to preserve freedoms in the United States; and

12 WHEREAS, The tradition of escorting tractor trailers filled
13 with donated wreaths from Harrington, Maine, to Arlington
14 National Cemetery will be continued by the Patriot Guard Riders
15 and other patriotic escort units, including motorcycle units,
16 law enforcement units and first responder units; and

17 WHEREAS, The trucking industry in the United States continues
18 to support the Wreaths Across America project by providing
19 drivers, equipment and related services to assist in the
20 transportation of wreaths across the United States to more than
21 1,000 locations; and

22 WHEREAS, The 2017 Wreaths Across America theme is "I'm An
23 American. Yes I am!"; and

24 WHEREAS, On December 11, 2017, this Commonwealth is holding a
25 Wreaths Across America ceremony in the Capitol Rotunda;
26 therefore be it

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate
28 December 16, 2017, as "Wreaths Across America Day" in
29 Pennsylvania and call upon all residents to remember the service
30 of veterans and members of the Armed Forces of the United States

1 and the sacrifices that veterans, members of the armed forces
2 and their families have made, and continue to make, for this
3 great nation.