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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 905 Session of  
2018

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INTRODUCED BY BARRAR, READSHAW, BARBIN, BIZZARRO, BURNS,  
CALTAGIRONE, CHARLTON, D. COSTA, COX, SCHLEGEL CULVER,  
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HILL, HILL-EVANS, JAMES, KINSEY, LONGIETTI, MACKENZIE,  
J. McNEILL, MILLARD, NEILSON, O'NEILL, M. QUINN, ROEBUCK,  
ROTHMAN, SAINATO, SCHLOSSBERG, SCHWEYER, SOLOMON, SONNEY,  
WARD, WATSON AND YOUNGBLOOD, MAY 7, 2018

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
MAY 7, 2018

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing June 27, 2018, as "Post-Traumatic Stress Injury  
2 Awareness Day" and the month of June 2018 as "Post-Traumatic  
3 Stress Injury Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, A post-traumatic stress injury or PTSI is a  
5 biological injury that develops after a person has experienced  
6 or witnessed a trauma and can result not only from the stress of  
7 military combat but also from the trauma of rape, sexual  
8 assault, torture, confinement, domestic abuse, child abuse,  
9 accidents, acts of terror and natural disasters; and

10 WHEREAS, The diagnosis commonly known as post-traumatic  
11 stress disorder or PTSD was defined to more accurately  
12 understand veterans who had endured severe traumatic combat  
13 stress and was originally described as a mental illness caused  
14 by a preexisting flaw in the brain or character; and

15 WHEREAS, The understanding of PTSI has evolved and it is now

1 characterized as a biological injury to the brain that is  
2 treatable and repairable; and

3 WHEREAS, PTSD affects up to 8% of the adult population of the  
4 United States but can occur at any age, including childhood; and

5 WHEREAS, Without treatment, PTSD can lead to alcohol and drug  
6 abuse, heart attack, depression, dementia, suicide and stroke;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Not everyone with PTSD has personally experienced a  
9 dangerous event, some people develop PTSI after a friend or  
10 family member is endangered or harmed; and

11 WHEREAS, Treatment options can include psychotherapy,  
12 medication, cervical nerve anesthetic intervention or a  
13 combination depending on the individual; and

14 WHEREAS, The need for comprehensive, coordinated health  
15 services offering proper and timely treatment for individuals  
16 living with PTSD is critical for the well being of the residents  
17 of this Commonwealth; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize June  
19 27, 2018, as "Post-Traumatic Stress Injury Awareness Day" and  
20 the month of June 2018 as "Post-Traumatic Stress Injury  
21 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.