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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY MENSCH, ARGALL, MARTIN, BROOKS, FONTANA, DINNIMAN,  
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RESCHENTHALER, JUNE 13, 2017

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the 242nd anniversary of the founding of the United  
2 States Army.

3 WHEREAS, In 1775, the Massachusetts Provincial Congress  
4 appealed to the Second Continental Congress in Philadelphia to  
5 assume authority of the New England Army, which was comprised of  
6 a number of independent revolutionary militia companies; and

7 WHEREAS, Although there is no official written record,  
8 historians suggest that on June 14, 1775, the United States  
9 Congress voted to "adopt" the Boston troops and formed a  
10 committee "to bring in a draft of rules and regulations for the  
11 government of the Army," in addition to providing a funding  
12 appropriation of \$2 million at the request of John Adams; and

13 WHEREAS, The actions of the United States Government on June  
14 14, 1775, establishing the American Continental Army marked the  
15 birth date of the United States Army; and

16 WHEREAS, On June 15, 1775, George Washington was appointed by  
17 the Congress of the United States as the Army Commander-in-

1 Chief; and

2 WHEREAS, The United States Army is made up of active and  
3 reserve components; and

4 WHEREAS, In 2015, the United States Army was comprised of  
5 more than 1,042,000 soldiers, with approximately 490,000 on  
6 active duty, 202,000 in the Army Reserves and 350,000 in the  
7 Army National Guard; and

8 WHEREAS, Soldiers live by the Seven Core Army Values that  
9 include loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor,  
10 integrity and personal courage; and

11 WHEREAS, It is said that "there is nothing stronger than a  
12 United States Army soldier"; and

13 WHEREAS, The strength and power of the United States Army, as  
14 demonstrated during Operation Desert Storm, Operation Enduring  
15 Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom and several additional combat  
16 missions have provided Americans with safety, security and  
17 freedom; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the United States Army's  
19 242nd anniversary of its founding and urge all Pennsylvanians to  
20 remember the sacrifices of the brave men and women who valiantly  
21 served their country on the homefront and throughout the world.