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## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing November 10, 2017, as "Marine Corps Day" in  
2 Pennsylvania in honor of the United States Marine Corps'  
3 242nd anniversary of its founding.

4 WHEREAS, On November 10, 1775, the Second Continental  
5 Congress met in Philadelphia and passed a resolution calling for  
6 two battalions of Marines to be raised for service as landing  
7 forces with the fleet; and

8 WHEREAS, That resolution established the Continental Marines  
9 and marked the birth date of the United States Marine Corps; and

10 WHEREAS, Since its first amphibious raid on March 3, 1776,  
11 the United States Marine Corps has fought with great courage on  
12 every continent and in every conflict in American history; and

13 WHEREAS, During World War I, Marines fought their famed  
14 battle at Belleau Wood, establishing their reputation of  
15 toughness and fierceness; and

16 WHEREAS, The Marine Corps played a central role in the  
17 liberation of the Pacific Islands during World War II; and

1 WHEREAS, "Raising of the Flag on Iwo Jima," the famous  
2 photograph by Joe Rosenthal, will always symbolize the triumph  
3 and glory of the Marine Corps; and

4 WHEREAS, The momentum of the Korean War shifted when the  
5 Marine Corps, in conjunction with the Navy, launched a massive  
6 amphibious attack at Inchon, surprising the North Koreans by  
7 putting thousands of United States troops behind enemy lines;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, The Marine Corps participated in major offensives of  
10 the Vietnam War, engaging in guerrilla warfare, implementing  
11 unconventional techniques for counterinsurgency and working as  
12 military advisors to the Republic of Vietnam Marine Corps; and

13 WHEREAS, From 1990 to 1992, Marines participated in Operation  
14 Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm, leading the liberation  
15 of Kuwait and the defeat of Iraqi forces; and

16 WHEREAS, The Marine Corps continues to make significant  
17 contributions to the war on terrorism as part of Operation  
18 Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

19 WHEREAS, Marines truly embody the motto of the Marine Corps:  
20 "Semper Fidelis," which translates from Latin as "always  
21 faithful" and signifies the defense of freedom and democracy  
22 worldwide; and

23 WHEREAS, Today, the Marine Corps is a separate branch of the  
24 United States Armed Forces, distinguishing itself as an  
25 expeditionary force ready to respond on the ground, in the air  
26 and by sea; and

27 WHEREAS, There are nearly 200,000 individuals currently  
28 enlisted in the Marine Corps and roughly 40,000 reserve members;  
29 and

30 WHEREAS, Marine Corps Order No. 47, Series 192, written by

1 Major Commandant General John A. Lejeune, established the  
2 mandatory celebration of the Marine Corps' anniversary;  
3 therefore be it

4       RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize November 10, 2017, as  
5 "Marine Corps Day" in Pennsylvania in honor of the United States  
6 Marine Corps' 242nd anniversary of its founding.