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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 394 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY BROWNE, VULAKOVICH, COSTA, BAKER, HUGHES,  
GREENLEAF, MARTIN, BARTOLOTTA, DINNIMAN, FONTANA AND  
EICHELBERGER, JUNE 18, 2018

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REFERRED TO VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS,  
JUNE 18, 2018

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as a Purple Heart  
2 State and recognizing August 7th as "Purple Heart Day" in  
3 Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, During major wars from World War I to the present,  
5 32,080 Pennsylvania veterans were killed in combat and  
6 approximately 59,140 were wounded, making those Pennsylvanians  
7 eligible for the Purple Heart Medal; and

8 WHEREAS, The mission of the Military Order of the Purple  
9 Heart, chartered by an act of Congress, is to foster an  
10 environment of goodwill among combat wounded veterans and their  
11 families, to promote patriotism, to support legislative  
12 initiatives and, most importantly, to ensure that we never  
13 forget the sacrifices of veterans killed in action and wounded  
14 in combat; and

15 WHEREAS, Twenty-three states across the United States have  
16 honored their military veterans wounded and killed in combat by  
17 proclaiming their states to be Purple Heart states; and

1       WHEREAS, The Purple Heart Trail was established in 1992 by  
2 the Military Order of the Purple Heart as a symbolic trail  
3 throughout all 50 states to commemorate and honor all men and  
4 women who have been wounded or killed in combat while serving in  
5 the United States Armed Forces; and

6       WHEREAS, The Purple Heart Trail originates at a monument in  
7 Mt. Vernon, Virginia, which is the burial location of George  
8 Washington; and

9       WHEREAS, In Pennsylvania, State Route 45, also known as the  
10 Purple Heart Highway, winds through 100 miles of Huntingdon,  
11 Centre, Union, Northumberland and Montour Counties and is part  
12 of the Purple Heart Trail; and

13       WHEREAS, State Route 45 was christened the Purple Heart  
14 Highway because the Route 45 corridor has been home to many  
15 recipients of the Purple Heart; and

16       WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania honors the service  
17 and sacrifices of our nation's men and women in uniform wounded  
18 or killed by the enemy while serving to protect the freedom  
19 enjoyed by all Americans; therefore be it

20       RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the Commonwealth of  
21 Pennsylvania as a Purple Heart State and recognize August 7th as  
22 "Purple Heart Day" in Pennsylvania.