

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 106 Session of 2019

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MARCH 1, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating March 21, 2019, as "Rosie the Riveter Day" in  
 2 Pennsylvania and honoring the service and contributions of  
 3 the millions of women who entered the work force during World  
 4 War II.

5 WHEREAS, During World War II, 16 million American men left  
 6 their jobs in order to fight the Axis powers around the world;  
 7 and

8 WHEREAS, Millions of vacant jobs were filled by women who  
 9 traditionally did not work in the manufacturing sector; and

10 WHEREAS, In an effort to recruit women into the work force,  
 11 the Federal Government began a campaign that included magazine  
 12 articles appealing to women; and

13 WHEREAS, On the cover of the May 29, 1943, edition of the  
 14 *Saturday Evening Post*, Norman Rockwell illustrated the first  
 15 Rosie the Riveter; and

1       WHEREAS, The millions of women who helped to support the war  
2 effort began to identify with Rosie the Riveter; and

3       WHEREAS, Among those identifying with this imagery were the  
4 thousands of women from this Commonwealth who helped  
5 Pennsylvania become "The Arsenal of America"; and

6       WHEREAS, These women built ships at the Philadelphia Naval  
7 Shipyard, assembled anti-aircraft guns at the Naval Ordnance  
8 Plant in York, assisted with the production of heavy trucks at  
9 the Mack Manufacturing Corporation in Allentown and overhauled  
10 battle-worn airplanes at the Harrisburg Shops in Middletown; and

11       WHEREAS, During World War II, the working women of this  
12 Commonwealth and the United States saw Rosie the Riveter as an  
13 icon of female patriotism and a symbol of what was necessary to  
14 support the war effort on the home front; therefore be it

15       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate March  
16 21, 2019, as "Rosie the Riveter Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it  
17 further

18       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the service  
19 and contributions of the millions of women who entered the work  
20 force during World War II.