
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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AND WEBSTER, MARCH 18, 2019

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MARCH 18, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating March 27, 2019, as "Pennsylvania Female Veterans
2 Day."

3 WHEREAS, Women have a long history of heroic and often
4 unrecognized service on behalf of all branches of the armed
5 forces; and

6 WHEREAS, Before integration, women's military involvement
7 centered on nursing and clerical positions; and

8 WHEREAS, Some women disguised themselves as men in order to
9 serve on the front lines in early American history; and

10 WHEREAS, The first military enlistments of women occurred
11 during the World War I era; and

12 WHEREAS, The Women's Armed Services Integration Act of 1948
13 authorized enlistment and appointment of women as full members
14 of the armed forces with veterans benefits; and

1 WHEREAS, The first female graduates of the Virginia Military
2 Institute and the Citadel, first female fighter pilots flying
3 combat missions in Iraq and first woman to command a United
4 States naval ship represent some landmark achievements by women
5 in the last two decades; and

6 WHEREAS, In 2016, Air Force General Lori Robinson was the
7 first woman to lead a unified combatant command and the highest-
8 ranking woman in United States military history; and

9 WHEREAS, In 2016, Army Captain Kristen Griest transferred
10 from military police to become the first female infantry officer
11 and Army Sergeant Shelby Atkins became the first female enlisted
12 infantry soldier; and

13 WHEREAS, In 2017, the first three women in the Marine Corps
14 infantry were assigned to 1st Battalion, 8th Marines, as rifle,
15 machine gun and mortar specialists; and

16 WHEREAS, An estimated 2 million veterans of the armed forces,
17 or 9% of all veterans, are female; and

18 WHEREAS, More than 60,000 female veterans reside in this
19 Commonwealth; and

20 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives recognizes women in the
21 military who, through their selfless and brave service, maintain
22 our national defense and protect our freedoms; and

23 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives gratefully acknowledges
24 the experience and contribution of female veterans throughout
25 our Commonwealth; therefore be it

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate March
27 27, 2019, as "Pennsylvania Female Veterans Day"; and be it
28 further

29 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
30 the Pennsylvania Commission for Women.