
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, OCTOBER 11, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Congress of the United States to pass House Res.
2 1773, which would award the Congressional Gold Medal
3 collectively to the women who joined the "Rosie the Riveter"
4 campaign during World War II.

5 WHEREAS, During World War II, over 6 million women joined the
6 workforce to manufacture aircraft, vehicles, weaponry,
7 ammunition and other materials needed for the war after men in
8 those positions left to fight in the war; and

9 WHEREAS, Thousands of these women worked in Pennsylvania,
10 building ships in Philadelphia, working in steel mills in
11 Pittsburgh, assembling anti-aircraft guns in York, producing
12 heavy trucks at the Mack Manufacturing Plant in Allentown and
13 overhauling battle-worn planes at the Harrisburg Shops in
14 Middletown; and

15 WHEREAS, These women often faced harassment from male
16 colleagues and disapproval from family members while still
17 maintaining personal and family obligations; and

1 WHEREAS, Women of color overcame long-held policies of
2 discrimination and made significant contributions to the war
3 effort; and

4 WHEREAS, The women who embraced the "Rosie the Riveter"
5 campaign are truly among the greatest living heroines in the
6 United States, as they worked and sacrificed to strengthen our
7 country during World War II; and

8 WHEREAS, The example these women set during World War II
9 continues to inspire and symbolizes the empowerment of women
10 today; and

11 WHEREAS, Women and young girls today can look toward these
12 trailblazing women as an inspiration to serve and strengthen our
13 country and Commonwealth and strive to attain positions of
14 leadership in all areas of life; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
16 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the Congress of the United
17 States to pass House Res. 1773, which would award the
18 Congressional Gold Medal collectively to the women who joined
19 the "Rosie the Riveter" campaign during World War II; and be it
20 further

21 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
22 the presiding officers of each House of Congress and each member
23 of Congress from Pennsylvania.