

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, DECEMBER 6, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating the United States Marine Corps Reserve Toys for
 2 Tots Program and the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation on their
 3 continued efforts to provide a message of hope to less
 4 fortunate children and commending all those who volunteer
 5 their time to contribute to this goal.

6 WHEREAS, Founded in 1947 by Major Bill Hendricks, United
 7 States Marine Corps Reserve (USMCR), and adopted by the United
 8 States Marine Corps (USMC) in 1948, the Toys for Tots Program
 9 has been the recipient of numerous awards, including a 4-star
 10 rating by Charity Navigator, and inclusion in Forbes' "Gold
 11 Star" list of charities and various other accolades; and

12 WHEREAS, The USMCR Toys for Tots Program is directed by the
 13 USMCR Commander from the USMCR Headquarters in New Orleans,
 14 Louisiana; and

15 WHEREAS, The mission of the USMCR Toys for Tots Program is to
 16 collect new, unwrapped toys during the months of October,

1 November and December each year and to distribute those toys as
2 Christmas gifts to less fortunate children in the community in
3 which the campaign is conducted; and

4 WHEREAS, The Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, an Internal
5 Revenue Service recognized 501(c)(3) not-for-profit charity, is
6 the authorized fundraising and support organization for the
7 USMCR Toys for Tots Program; and

8 WHEREAS, The Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, located just
9 outside the main gate of the Marine Corps Base in Quantico,
10 Virginia, provides the funding and support needed for successful
11 annual toy collection and distribution campaigns; and

12 WHEREAS, The Marine Toys for Tots Foundation was created at
13 the behest of the USMC and provides support in accordance with a
14 Memorandum of Understanding with the USMCR Commander; and

15 WHEREAS, The Marine Toys for Tots Foundation has supported
16 the USMCR Toys for Tots Program since 1991; and

17 WHEREAS, Local campaigns are conducted annually in more than
18 700 communities covering all 50 states, the District of Columbia
19 and Puerto Rico; and

20 WHEREAS, Over its life span, the USMCR Toys for Tots Program
21 has distributed more than 530 million toys to more than 244
22 million less fortunate children; therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives congratulate the
24 USMCR Toys for Tots Program and the Marine Toys for Tots
25 Foundation on their continued efforts to provide a message of
26 hope to less fortunate children that will assist them in
27 becoming responsible, productive and patriotic citizens and
28 commend all those who volunteer their time to contribute to this
29 goal.