
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 639 Session of
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NEILSON, YOUNGBLOOD, SCHLEGEL CULVER, JAMES, SAINATO,
BERNSTINE, OBERLANDER AND MOUL, DECEMBER 12, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, DECEMBER 12, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating December 18, 2019, as "Second Gulf War Veterans Day"
2 in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives honors and remembers
4 the service and sacrifice of military personnel on behalf of our
5 nation and our allies during the Second Gulf War; and

6 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives respectfully
7 acknowledges the service and sacrifice of military personnel who
8 maintain our nation's presence in Iraq; and

9 WHEREAS, On March 19, 2003, President George W. Bush
10 announced the launch of combat operations; and

11 WHEREAS, Operation Iraqi Freedom, conducted to end Saddam
12 Hussein's dictatorship and facilitate a representative
13 government, followed Saddam's rejection of exile; and

14 WHEREAS, Saddam Hussein surrendered to United States forces
15 on December 13, 2003, when captured near Tikrit, Iraq, during
16 Operation Red Dawn; and

1 WHEREAS, Saddam Hussein was executed on December 30, 2006,
2 for crimes against humanity; and

3 WHEREAS, Iraq's transition to self-governance included the
4 election of a 275-member Iraqi National Assembly; and

5 WHEREAS, A 2008 agreement provided for withdrawal of troops
6 by 2011; and

7 WHEREAS, The last member of the United States Armed Forces
8 left Iraq on December 18, 2011; and

9 WHEREAS, Since the beginning of Operation Iraqi Freedom, 2.5
10 million Americans have served in Iraq; and

11 WHEREAS, More than 4,000 United States servicepersons,
12 including 197 from this Commonwealth, lost their lives; and

13 WHEREAS, More than 32,000 servicepersons were wounded; and

14 WHEREAS, As the War on Terror continues, the United States
15 has seven military bases, with approximately 5,500 members and
16 advisors of Special Operations units, in Iraq; therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate
18 December 18, 2019, as "Second Gulf War Veterans Day" in
19 Pennsylvania.