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FEBRUARY 18, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, FEBRUARY 18, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating March 25, 2020, as "Pennsylvania Female Veterans
2 Day."

3 WHEREAS, Women have an extensive and proud history of
4 essential but underrecognized service in every branch of the
5 military; and

6 WHEREAS, Women were present in Continental Army camps,
7 attached in support roles or disguised as male soldiers; and

8 WHEREAS, Before integration, women were often limited to
9 nursing and clerical work; 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
13 authorized enlistment and appointment of women as full members
14 of the armed forces with veterans benefits in 1948; and

15 WHEREAS, During the last two decades, expanded integration

1 has led to the advancement of the first female graduates of the
2 Virginia Military Institute and the Citadel, the first female
3 fighter pilots flying combat missions in Iraq, the first female
4 commander of a United States Navy ship and the first female
5 member of the Pennsylvania National Guard to pass Army Ranger
6 School; and

7 WHEREAS, In 2016, Air Force General Lori Robinson was the
8 first woman to lead a unified combatant command as well as the
9 highest-ranking woman in the history of the United States
10 military, Army Captain Kristen Griest transferred from military
11 police to become the first female infantry officer and Army
12 Sergeant Shelby Atkins became the first female enlisted infantry
13 soldier; and

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

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

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

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

24 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives extends thanks for the
25 experience and contributions of female veterans throughout our
26 Commonwealth; therefore be it

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate March
28 25, 2020, as "Pennsylvania Female Veterans Day"; and be it
29 further

30 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to

1 the Pennsylvania Commission for Women.