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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND INDUSTRY, MARCH 15, 2021

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating March 21, 2021, as "Rosie the Riveter Day" in
2 Pennsylvania and honoring the service and contributions of
3 the millions of women who entered the workforce during World
4 War II.

5 WHEREAS, During World War II, 16 million American men left
6 their jobs in order to fight the Axis powers around the world;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Millions of vacant jobs were filled by women who,
9 traditionally, did not work in the manufacturing sector; and

10 WHEREAS, In an effort to recruit women into the workforce,
11 the Federal Government began a campaign that included magazine
12 articles appealing to women; and

13 WHEREAS, On the cover of the May 29, 1943, edition of the
14 *Saturday Evening Post*, Norman Rockwell illustrated the first
15 Rosie the Riveter; and

16 WHEREAS, The millions of women who helped support the war

1 effort began to identify with Rosie the Riveter; and

2 WHEREAS, Among those identifying with this imagery were the
3 thousands of women from this Commonwealth who helped
4 Pennsylvania become "The Arsenal of America"; and

5 WHEREAS, These women built ships at the Philadelphia Naval
6 Shipyard, assembled anti-aircraft guns at the Naval Ordnance
7 Plant in York, assisted with the production of heavy trucks at
8 the Mack Manufacturing Corporation in Allentown, overhauled
9 battle-worn airplanes at the Harrisburg Shops in Middletown and
10 worked in the steel mills of Allegheny County; and

11 WHEREAS, During World War II, the working women of this
12 Commonwealth and the United States saw Rosie the Riveter as an
13 icon of female patriotism and a symbol of what was necessary to
14 support the war effort on the home front; and

15 WHEREAS, In the fall of 2020, President Trump signed the
16 Rosie the Riveter Congressional Gold Medal Act, which
17 collectively awards the Congressional Gold Medal to all of the
18 women who entered the workforce during World War II; therefore
19 be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate March
21 21, 2021, as "Rosie the Riveter Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it
22 further

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the service
24 and contributions of the millions of women who entered the
25 workforce during World War II.