## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, MAY 27, 2022

## A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

- 1 Commemorating June 6, 2022, as "D-Day" in Pennsylvania.
- 2 WHEREAS, June 6, 2022, marks the 78th anniversary of the D-
- 3 Day invasion of Normandy, an Allied Forces operation to end the
- 4 occupation of Germany in France; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Armed forces of primarily the United States,
- 6 England, Canada and France banded together to deploy 156,000
- 7 troops, of which 73,000 were American, 11,590 planes and 6,939
- 8 vessels to produce the long-planned "Operation Overlord"; and
- 9 WHEREAS, The initial assault phase, "Operation Neptune,"
- 10 began at midnight, on June 6, 1944, giving cover and support for
- 11 an airborne assault choreographed by the American, British and
- 12 Canadian Air Corps; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Soldiers landed on Gold Beach, Sword Beach, Omaha
- 14 Beach, Juno Beach and Utah Beach in the early morning of June 6,
- 15 1944, to begin the assault on the German forces; and

- 1 WHEREAS, The casualties of D-Day numbered 10,500 allies,
- 2 including 2,700 Americans, resulting in the death of 4,413
- 3 allies, with 1,465 Americans losing their lives in the invasion,
- 4 while 7,500 allies were injured, including 3,184 Americans, with
- 5 many more missing or captured; and
- 6 WHEREAS, The assault continued under "Operation Overlord" by
- 7 pushing further into France and ended once the allies crossed
- 8 the River Seine on August 19, 1944; and
- 9 WHEREAS, There were 226,386 allied casualties, including
- 10 36,976 deaths and 153,475 wounded, of which 20,838 Americans
- 11 were killed and 94,881 were injured, during "Operation
- 12 Overload"; therefore be it
- 13 RESOLVED (the Senate concurring), That the General Assembly
- 14 commemorate June 6, 2022, as "D-Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it
- 15 further
- 16 RESOLVED, That the General Assembly encourage local
- 17 governments and communities throughout this Commonwealth to
- 18 conduct appropriate "D-Day" observances to ensure that the many
- 19 sacrifices of that day are not forgotten.