
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY STEFANO AND LANGERHOLC, MARCH 11, 2021

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, MARCH 11, 2021

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and accomplishments of 1st Class Petty Officer
2 Harry Milton Beal and expressing condolences on his passing.

3 WHEREAS, First Class Petty Officer Harry Milton Beal died
4 Tuesday, January 26, 2021, at the age of 90; and

5 WHEREAS, He was born on August 16, 1930, in Meyersdale,
6 Pennsylvania; and

7 WHEREAS, Petty Officer Beal entered the United States Navy in
8 1948 as a gunner's mate aboard the Shenandoah, Tarawa; and

9 WHEREAS, Petty Officer Beal was one of the first sailors to
10 volunteer for a modern-era Navy SEAL team; and

11 WHEREAS, In 1955, Petty Officer Beal became part of
12 underwater demolition team 21 and 22, and in 1962, Petty Officer
13 Beal became plank owner of SEAL team 2; and

14 WHEREAS, Petty Officer Beal was a SEAL instructor and his
15 specialty was in underwater demolition; and

16 WHEREAS, During his career as a special operator in the
17 United States Navy, Petty Officer Beal was part of a team that
18 retrieved astronaut John Glenn after his space capsule touched

1 down in the ocean following the Mercury-Atlas 6 space mission in
2 February 1962; and

3 WHEREAS, Petty Officer Beal retired from the United States
4 Navy in 1968 after 20 years of service to the country; and

5 WHEREAS, In February 2020, the Pennsylvania legislature
6 honored Petty Officer Beal by naming a bridge in his native
7 Meyersdale after him; and

8 WHEREAS, Petty Officer Beal was a member of Hostetler Church
9 of the Brethren Meyersdale and enjoyed deer hunting and biking
10 on the Greater Allegheny Passage; therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That the Senate honor the life and accomplishments
12 of 1st Class Petty Officer Harry Milton Beal and express
13 condolences on his passing.