
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS,
MARCH 14, 2023

A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating the heroic efforts of the sons and daughters of
2 this Commonwealth who served in Operation Desert Shield and
3 Operation Desert Storm.

4 WHEREAS, On August 2, 1990, the Iraqi Army, under orders of
5 Dictator Saddam Hussein, invaded and occupied the sovereign
6 nation of Kuwait; and

7 WHEREAS, The action by the Iraqi forces destabilized the
8 region and threatened the Nation of Saudi Arabia, thereby
9 compelling President George Herbert Walker Bush to order the
10 deployment of 540,000 United States troops; and

11 WHEREAS, The United States troops, in concert with a
12 coalition of more than 250,000 military personnel representing
13 36 nations, defended Saudi Arabia in what is known as "Operation
14 Desert Shield"; and

15 WHEREAS, The United States and the International Military
16 Coalition demanded that Saddam Hussein withdraw Iraqi forces
17 from Kuwait by January 15, 1991; and

1 WHEREAS, On January 16, 1991, after Saddam Hussein refused to
2 retreat, President Bush ordered the United States Armed Forces
3 to begin "Operation Desert Storm"; and

4 WHEREAS, On January 17, 1991, an intensive air campaign was
5 initiated to weaken the Iraqi forces in Kuwait; and

6 WHEREAS, On February 23, 1991, led by the 2nd Armored Cavalry
7 Regiment, an enjoined ground attack began formation to battle
8 against Saddam Hussein's Elite Guard Corps; and

9 WHEREAS, The United States Armed Forces-led ground offensive
10 was employed on February 24, 1991, resulting in the ultimate
11 defeat of the Iraqi forces and the liberation of Kuwait on
12 February 28, 1991; and

13 WHEREAS, Following cease-fire negotiations, President Bush
14 announced the end of combat operations on March 6, 1991; and

15 WHEREAS, Two hundred United States Armed Forces members were
16 killed, including 29 from this Commonwealth; and

17 WHEREAS, The residents of this Commonwealth and our nation
18 were dutifully united in their support and prayer for those who
19 served in the conflict, decorating trees with yellow ribbons as
20 a reminder to pray for the safe return of our men and women; and

21 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's cost to liberate Kuwait was high; and

22 WHEREAS, Thousands of Pennsylvania's sons and daughters
23 served, and this Commonwealth suffered the highest loss of life
24 in a single attack when an Iraqi scud missile exploded at
25 Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, killing 13 and wounding 43 members of the
26 Pennsylvania-based 14th Quartermaster Detachment; and

27 WHEREAS, Pennsylvanians who served during Operation Desert
28 Storm also suffered noncombat related injuries, including:

29 John Jeffrey Bnosky, Army, Tamaqua;

30 Carl William Brace, Army, Bath;

1 Corzere Monray Carrington, Navy, North Braddock;
2 Michael Edward Codispodo, Marine Corps, Philadelphia;
3 Dennis Michael Cooke, Marine Corps, Montgomery;
4 Howard John Gillespie, Army, Philadelphia;
5 Daniel Lupatsky, Navy, Centralia;
6 Clayton Daniel McKinsey, Navy, Hanover;
7 Joseph Thomas Moran, Marine Corps, Cornwell Heights;
8 Thomas Donald Murphy, Jr., Army, Munhall;
9 Arthur Fredrick Reid, Air Force, Harrisburg;
10 Sean Michael Smith, Army, Erie;
11 Jeffrey William Speicher, Army, Camp Hill;
12 Michael Craig Wallington, Army, Gibsonia;

13 therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the Senate commemorate the heroic efforts of
15 the sons and daughters of this Commonwealth who served in
16 Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm; and be it
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That the residents of this Commonwealth never
19 forget those who served during Operation Desert Storm; and be it
20 further

21 RESOLVED, That the residents of this Commonwealth pause and
22 remember those from this Commonwealth who paid the last full
23 measure of devotion in the cause of freedom.