
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MARCH 16, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating March 29, 2017, as "Pennsylvania Female Veterans
2 Day."

3 WHEREAS, Women have a long, courageous and often unrecognized
4 history in providing military service to our country; and

5 WHEREAS, Women traditionally served as nurses, typists and
6 clerks and in other support roles; and

7 WHEREAS, Prior to the Civil War, women who wanted to serve on
8 the front lines were forced to disguise themselves as men in
9 order to serve; and

10 WHEREAS, It was not until the end of World War I that women
11 were permitted to join the military, and even then it was only
12 during wartime; and

13 WHEREAS, With the passage of the Women's Armed Services
14 Integration Act of 1948, women were finally allowed to serve as
15 permanent members of the military and entitled to veterans

1 benefits; and

2 WHEREAS, In the last two decades, the value of women in the
3 military has continued to be recognized with landmark
4 achievements such as the first women to graduate from the
5 Virginia Military Institute and the Citadel, the first female
6 fighter pilots flying combat missions in Iraq and the first
7 woman to command a United States naval ship; and

8 WHEREAS, In 2015, we saw yet another extraordinary
9 achievement for women in the military with the first female
10 graduates of the Army's elite Ranger School as well as the
11 Department of Defense announcing that women will be fully
12 integrated into all positions, including combat positions,
13 throughout all of the armed forces; and

14 WHEREAS, There are more than 2 million United States female
15 veterans, representing 10% of all United States veterans, with
16 this Commonwealth's female veterans numbered at 71,287; and

17 WHEREAS, The selflessness and bravery that these women
18 exhibit in keeping our country safe and protecting our freedoms
19 shall no longer go unrecognized; and

20 WHEREAS, Today we rightly salute the accomplishments of the
21 more than 71,000 female veterans living in this Commonwealth;
22 therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate March
24 29, 2017, as "Pennsylvania Female Veterans Day"; and be it
25 further

26 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
27 the Pennsylvania Commission on Women.