
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 254 Session of
2019

INTRODUCED BY WEBSTER, DONATUCCI, BIZZARRO, SONNEY, RYAN, HILL-
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B. MILLER, READSHAW, EVERETT, FREEMAN, NEILSON, MACKENZIE,
SAINATO AND STURLA, APRIL 25, 2019

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 25, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating May 10, 2019, as "Military Spouse Appreciation Day"
2 in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, In 1969, the Military Wives Association was formed
4 by a small group of wives and widows who gathered to voice their
5 concerns about inadequate support for military families who had
6 lost loved ones; and

7 WHEREAS, In 1984, "National Military Spouse Appreciation Day"
8 was first celebrated when President Ronald Reagan proclaimed the
9 observance to honor the contributions of military spouses; and

10 WHEREAS, Military spouses embody the courage, sense of duty
11 and love of country that inspire every American; and

12 WHEREAS, Military spouses make tremendous sacrifices,
13 including enduring long separations, assuming household
14 responsibilities and caring for children while their loved ones
15 are away; and

1 WHEREAS, Military spouses act with patience, selflessness and
2 compassion while serving as the front line of this country's
3 conscience to ensure the appropriate care of soldiers returning
4 from duty with serious conditions, including traumatic brain
5 injuries and post-traumatic stress disorder; and

6 WHEREAS, Many military spouses are also volunteers in their
7 communities who serve the needs of other military families; and

8 WHEREAS, The nation benefits from the sacrifices of military
9 families and is inspired by their courage, strength and
10 leadership; and

11 WHEREAS, On "Military Spouse Appreciation Day" and throughout
12 the year, we honor the commitment military spouses have made to
13 their loved ones, our country and our freedom; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate May 10,
15 2019, as "Military Spouse Appreciation Day" in Pennsylvania.