THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 304

Session of 2013

INTRODUCED BY BARBIN, CALTAGIRONE, AUMENT, BAKER, BOBACK, COHEN, SCHLEGEL CULVER, CUTLER, P. DALEY, DAVIDSON, DAVIS, DENLINGER, DIGIROLAMO, DONATUCCI, EVERETT, FLECK, FREEMAN, GINGRICH, GROVE, HARHART, C. HARRIS, HEFFLEY, HENNESSEY, HESS, KIM, KORTZ, KOTIK, LUCAS, MAJOR, McGEEHAN, MCNEILL, MILLARD, MILLER, MIRABITO, O'BRIEN, O'NEILL, PAINTER, PAYNE, PICKETT, QUINN, RAPP, RAVENSTAHL, READSHAW, ROCK, ROZZI, SANTARSIERO, SCHLOSSBERG, SONNEY, STERN, VEREB, WATSON, YOUNGBLOOD AND DEASY, MAY 7, 2013

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MAY 7, 2013

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Designating May 10, 2013, 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, "Military Spouse Appreciation Day" was
- 8 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

- 1 are away; and
- 2 WHEREAS, Military spouses act with patience, selflessness and
- 3 compassion while serving as the front line of this country's
- 4 conscience to ensure the appropriate care of soldiers returning
- 5 from duty with serious conditions, including traumatic brain
- 6 injuries and post-traumatic stress disorder; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Many military spouses are also volunteers in their
- 8 communities who serve the needs of other military families; and
- 9 WHEREAS, The nation benefits from the sacrifices of military
- 10 families, and is inspired by their courage, strength and
- 11 leadership; and
- 12 WHEREAS, On "Military Spouses Appreciation Day" and
- 13 throughout the year, we honor the commitment military spouses
- 14 have made to their loved ones, our country and freedom;
- 15 therefore be it
- 16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate May 10,
- 17 2013, as "Military Spouse Appreciation Day" in Pennsylvania.