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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
OCTOBER 11, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating the 30th anniversary of the terrorist bombing of
2 the United States Marine Corps barracks in Beirut, Lebanon.

3 WHEREAS, October 23, 2013, will mark the 30th anniversary of
4 the terrorist bombing when 241 members of the armed forces of
5 the United States, including 220 members of the United States
6 Marine Corps, were killed; and

7 WHEREAS, The terrorist bombing was the deadliest day for the
8 United States Marine Corps since World War II, when the United
9 States Marine Corps fought to secure Iwo Jima; and

10 WHEREAS, The October 23, 1983, attack came in the wake of a
11 multinational intervention striving to restore order and peace
12 in a war-torn Lebanon; and

13 WHEREAS, The terrorist bombing was preceded by an April 18,
14 1983, terrorist attack involving a car bomb that struck the

1 United States Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon, wounding more than 100
2 people and killing 86 people, including 17 Americans, 32
3 Lebanese Embassy employees and 14 embassy visitors and
4 bystanders; and

5 WHEREAS, The families of those brave members of the United
6 States Marine Corps continue to mourn the loss of their loved
7 ones who lost their lives during the terrorist bombing; and

8 WHEREAS, Cpl. Moses J. Arnold, Jr. -- USMC -- Philadelphia,
9 PA;

10 Cpl. John J. Bonk, Jr. - USMC -- Philadelphia, PA;

11 Lcpl. Curtis J. Cooper - USMC -- North Wales, PA;

12 HM3 William D. Elliot, Jr. - USN -- Lancaster, PA;

13 Pfc. Richard A. Fluegel - USMC -- Erie, PA;

14 Sgt. Robert B. Greaser -- USMC -- Lansdale, PA;

15 Lcpl. Thomas A. Hairston -- USMC -- Philadelphia, PA;

16 Lcpl. Keith J. Laise -- USMC -- East Stroudsburg, PA;

17 Sgt. James E. McDonough -- USMC -- Newcastle, PA;

18 Lcpl. Richard A. Morrow -- USMC -- Clairton, PA;

19 Lcpl. John F. Muffler -- USMC -- Philadelphia, PA;

20 Sgt. Rafael I. Pomalestorres -- USMC -- Philadelphia, PA;

21 Pfc. Rui A. Relvas -- USMC -- Philadelphia, PA;

22 Lcpl. Louis J. Rotondo -- USMC -- Philadelphia, PA;

23 Lcpl. John W. Spearing -- USMC -- Lancaster, PA;

24 Lcpl. Steven B. Wentworth -- USMC -- Reading, PA;

25 Sgt. Allen D. Wesley -- USMC -- Philadelphia, PA; and

26 Capt. Walter E. Wint, Jr. -- USMC -- Wilkes-Barre, PA

27 -- all of Pennsylvania -- and their fellow comrades who fell on
28 October 23, 1983, should be forever remembered in the hearts of
29 all Pennsylvanians; and

30 WHEREAS, Terrorism remains a threat to the international

1 community; and

2 WHEREAS, Young men and women in the armed forces of the
3 United States continue to preserve freedom by fighting terrorism
4 around the world; therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives, in commemoration
6 of the terrorist bombing of the United States Marine Corps
7 barracks in Beirut, Lebanon, recall with sadness, the October
8 23, 1983, terrorist bombing in Beirut and extend its prayers and
9 sympathies to the families of the 241 members of the armed
10 forces of the United States who died and others who were wounded
11 in the bombing; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives call upon all
13 Pennsylvanians to remember the members of the armed forces of
14 the United States' bravery and service to their country.