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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 627 Session of  
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DECEMBER 9, 2019

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY  
PREPAREDNESS, DECEMBER 9, 2019

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A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the President and the Congress of the United States to  
2 enact S. 1757 or similar legislation to award the  
3 Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the United States  
4 Army Rangers Veterans of World War II in recognition of their  
5 extraordinary service.

6 WHEREAS, Of the more than 15 million soldiers who served in  
7 the armed forces in World War II, only 3,000 were Rangers; and

8 WHEREAS, The 1st Ranger Battalion was formed at the onset of  
9 the United States' involvement in the conflict as an elite unit  
10 modeled after the British Commandos; and

11 WHEREAS, The Rangers were highly and rigorously trained to  
12 attack in the dead of night from the least likely route and  
13 climb cliffs and speed march, enabling them to infiltrate deep  
14 behind enemy lines on foot; and

15 WHEREAS, There were six Ranger Battalions deployed during  
16 World War II, all of which were strictly volunteer; and

17 WHEREAS, Each battalion was comprised of approximately 500

1 men; and

2 WHEREAS, At least 48 World War II Rangers came from this  
3 Commonwealth, 33 of which remained overseas in American  
4 battlefield cemeteries; and

5 WHEREAS, Three World War II Rangers in D Company, 2nd Ranger  
6 Battalion were from Altoona; and

7 WHEREAS, Two of the three climbed the cliffs at Pointe du Hoc  
8 and one destroyed five of six long-range artillery pieces at  
9 Pointe du Hoc; and

10 WHEREAS, There are only 41 known World War II Rangers alive  
11 nationwide; and

12 WHEREAS, It is imperative that these heroes are given the  
13 honor they deserve; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge the  
15 President and the Congress of the United States to enact S. 1757  
16 or similar legislation to award the Congressional Gold Medal,  
17 collectively, to the United States Army Rangers Veterans of  
18 World War II in recognition of their extraordinary service; and  
19 be it further

20 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to  
21 the President of the United States, to the presiding officers of  
22 each house of Congress and to each member of Congress from  
23 Pennsylvania.