
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 931 Session of
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TOMLINSON, YOUNGBLOOD, ZIMMERMAN AND JOZWIAK, JULY 8, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, JULY 8, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as a Purple Heart
2 State and recognizing August 7 as "Purple Heart Day" in
3 Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, During major wars from World War I to the present,
5 32,080 Pennsylvania veterans were killed in combat and
6 approximately 59,140 were wounded, making those Pennsylvanians
7 eligible for the Purple Heart Medal; and

8 WHEREAS, The mission of the Military Order of the Purple
9 Heart, chartered by an act of Congress, is to foster an
10 environment of goodwill among combat wounded veterans and their
11 families, promote patriotism, support legislative initiatives
12 and, most importantly, ensure that we never forget the
13 sacrifices of veterans killed in action and wounded in combat;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Twenty-three states across the United States have
16 honored their military veterans wounded and killed in combat by

1 proclaiming their states to be Purple Heart states; and

2 WHEREAS, The Purple Heart Trail was established in 1992 by
3 the Military Order of the Purple Heart as a symbolic trail
4 throughout all 50 states to commemorate and honor all men and
5 women who have been wounded or killed in combat while serving in
6 the United States Armed Forces; and

7 WHEREAS, The Purple Heart Trail originates at a monument in
8 Mt. Vernon, Virginia, which is the burial location of George
9 Washington; and

10 WHEREAS, In Pennsylvania, State Route 45, also known as the
11 Purple Heart Highway, winds through 100 miles of Huntingdon,
12 Centre, Union, Northumberland and Montour Counties and is part
13 of the Purple Heart Trail; and

14 WHEREAS, State Route 45 was christened the Purple Heart
15 Highway because the Route 45 corridor has been home to many
16 recipients of the Purple Heart; and

17 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania honors the service
18 and sacrifices of our nation's men and women in uniform wounded
19 or killed by the enemy while serving to protect the freedom
20 enjoyed by all Americans; therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
22 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as a Purple Heart State and
23 recognize August 7 as "Purple Heart Day" in Pennsylvania.