

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 213 Session of
2023

INTRODUCED BY ROBINSON, COSTA, BROOKS, LANGERHOLC, SCHWANK,
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J. WARD, AUMENT, KANE, STREET, DUSH, ARGALL AND VOGEL,
DECEMBER 7, 2023

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, DECEMBER 7, 2023

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing December 16, 2023, as "Wreaths Across America Day"
2 in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The Wreaths Across America project began in 1992
4 with the transportation and placement of 5,000 Maine balsam fir
5 remembrance wreaths on the graves of the fallen heroes buried at
6 Arlington National Cemetery; and

7 WHEREAS, The Wreaths Across America project is recognized
8 annually in December; and

9 WHEREAS, Each December, hundreds of thousands of individuals
10 volunteer to help lay remembrance wreaths; and

11 WHEREAS, In 2022, more than 2.7 million wreaths were placed
12 at 3,702 locations nationwide; and

13 WHEREAS, The mission of the Wreaths Across America project,
14 to "Remember, Honor and Teach," is carried out in part by
15 coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies in all 50 states, at sea
16 and abroad, including at Arlington National Cemetery, veterans

1 cemeteries and other locations; and

2 WHEREAS, The Wreaths Across America project includes a
3 weeklong veterans parade between Maine and Virginia to spread a
4 message about the importance of remembering the fallen heroes of
5 the United States, honoring those who serve and reminding
6 citizens of the sacrifices made by veterans and their families
7 to preserve freedoms in the United States; and

8 WHEREAS, The tradition of escorting tractor trailers filled
9 with donated wreaths from Harrington, Maine, to Arlington
10 National Cemetery will be continued by the Patriot Guard Riders
11 and other patriotic escort units, including motorcycle units,
12 law enforcement units and first responder units; and

13 WHEREAS, The trucking industry in the United States continues
14 to support the Wreaths Across America project by providing
15 drivers, equipment and related services to assist in the
16 transportation of wreaths across the United States to more than
17 1,000 locations; and

18 WHEREAS, The 2023 Wreaths Across America theme is "Serve and
19 Succeed"; therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize December 16, 2023, as
21 "Wreaths Across America Day" in Pennsylvania and call upon all
22 residents to volunteer for the program and remember the service
23 of veterans and members of the armed forces of the United States
24 and the sacrifices that fallen heroes, veterans, members of the
25 armed forces and their families have made, and continue to make,
26 for this great nation.