
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 488 Session of
2018

INTRODUCED BY VULAKOVICH, COSTA AND AUMENT, NOVEMBER 14, 2018

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating December 10, 2018, 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, More than 3,317,000 wreaths have been sent to
10 locations, including national cemeteries and veterans memorials,
11 in every state and overseas; and

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

14 WHEREAS, In 2017, more than 1.5 million wreaths were placed
15 at 1,422 locations nationwide; and

16 WHEREAS, The mission of the Wreaths Across America project,
17 to "Remember, Honor and Teach," is carried out in part by
18 coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies in all 50 states, at sea

1 and abroad, including at Arlington National Cemetery, veterans
2 cemeteries and other locations; and

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

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

14 WHEREAS, The trucking industry in the United States continues
15 to support the Wreaths Across America project by providing
16 drivers, equipment and related services to assist in the
17 transportation of wreaths across the United States to more than
18 1,400 locations; therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate December 10, 2018, as
20 "Wreaths Across America Day" in Pennsylvania and call upon all
21 residents to remember the service of veterans and members of the
22 armed forces of the United States and the sacrifices that
23 veterans, members of the armed forces and their families have
24 made, and continue to make, for this great nation.