

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 39 Session of 2013

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, JANUARY 23, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the 10th anniversary of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

2 WHEREAS, Operation Iraqi Freedom commenced on March 19, 2003,
3 as a military operation with the United States and coalition
4 forces with the mission to liberate Iraq from dictator Saddam
5 Hussein and extend freedom and democracy in the region; and

6 WHEREAS, Soldiers from each branch of the military have been
7 called to arms to defend and protect the homeland during
8 Operation Iraqi Freedom. The contribution made by members of the
9 military forces in the Middle East is recognized and deeply
10 appreciated by citizens of this Commonwealth; and

11 WHEREAS, Thousands of Pennsylvania military servicemen and
12 women have sacrificed so much to serve honorably in Operation

1 Iraqi Freedom, more than 200 Pennsylvania military
2 servicepersons made the ultimate sacrifice. These brave and
3 honorable armed forces personnel are to be recognized with the
4 highest respect; and

5 WHEREAS, The citizens of this Commonwealth and the House of
6 Representatives will never forget the sacrifices made from these
7 armed forces personnel. The 10th anniversary of Operation Iraqi
8 Freedom reminds Pennsylvanians of all those who served their
9 missions with excellence, determination, patriotism and bravery;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, As Americans, it is our responsibility to ensure
12 that our history is documented and reverence is given to our
13 veterans and war heroes; and

14 WHEREAS, The freedoms and security we cherish as Americans
15 come at a very high price for those serving in the military. It
16 is fitting and proper that we, who are the beneficiaries of the
17 courage of those who risk their lives, leaving their families
18 behind, express our appreciation and eternal gratitude for their
19 sacrifices and courageous acts; therefore it be

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor Operation
21 Iraqi Freedom veterans who have sacrificed so much of themselves
22 in order to serve their country proudly; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives also recognize
24 the anniversary of our country's mission to instill freedom and
25 democracy into Iraq and protect this great country and our
26 cherished liberties; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That Pennsylvania recognize the 10th anniversary of
28 Operation Iraqi Freedom and all members of the military who have
29 honorably served in Iraq during this time.