

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 730 Session of 2014

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MARCH 20, 2014

A RESOLUTION

1 Memorializing the anniversary of the death of General Douglas
2 MacArthur, a Five Star General of the United States Army who
3 served from 1903 to 1964.

4 WHEREAS, Douglas MacArthur passed away 50 years ago on April
5 5, 1964, at 84 years of age; and

6 WHEREAS, General MacArthur was born in Little Rock, Arkansas,
7 into a military family, where his father was stationed as a
8 captain in the United States Army; and

9 WHEREAS, General MacArthur graduated first in his class from
10 the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1903; and

11 WHEREAS, General MacArthur began his historic military career
12 during the Occupation of Veracruz in 1914 and continued with
13 great success in World War I, where he became a decorated
14 officer, soon thereafter becoming the youngest general in the
15 United States Army; and

1 WHEREAS, General MacArthur was assigned to the Philippine
2 Islands in 1922, where he eventually became the Chief Military
3 Advisor to the Commonwealth Government of the Philippines; and

4 WHEREAS, General MacArthur was brought out of retirement for
5 World War II in 1941, when he became the Commanding General of
6 the United States Army in the Far East; and

7 WHEREAS, General MacArthur achieved the title of Supreme
8 Commander of the Southwest Pacific Area; and

9 WHEREAS, General MacArthur returned, as he promised, to the
10 Philippines on October 20, 1944, at the beaches of Leyte, where
11 he reclaimed the Philippine Islands from Japanese forces; and

12 WHEREAS, General MacArthur accepted the unconditional
13 surrender of Japan on September 2, 1945, on the *USS Missouri*,
14 ending World War II, and oversaw the occupation of Japan until
15 1951; and

16 WHEREAS, Throughout his career, General MacArthur was awarded
17 the Medal of Honor, three Distinguished Service Crosses, five
18 Army Distinguished Service Medals, a Navy Distinguished Service
19 Medal, seven Silver Stars, a Distinguished Flying Cross, a
20 Bronze Star, an Air Medal and two Purple Hearts; therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives memorialize the
22 anniversary of the death of General Douglas MacArthur, a Five
23 Star General of the United States Army, who served from 1903 to
24 1964, and his enduring legacy.