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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, OCTOBER 18, 2016

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing November 10, 2016, as "Marine Corps Day" in  
 2 Pennsylvania in honor of the United States Marine Corps'  
 3 241st anniversary.

4 WHEREAS, The United States Marine Corps was founded as the  
 5 Continental Marines by a resolution passed by the Second  
 6 Continental Congress on November 10, 1775; and

7 WHEREAS, The Marine Corps has fought with great courage on  
 8 six continents and in every conflict in American history,  
 9 including the Revolutionary War, the Civil War, World War I,  
 10 World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam Conflict; and

11 WHEREAS, The Marine Corps has also served in support of  
 12 Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and Operation Iraqi

1 Freedom; and

2 WHEREAS, The Marine Corps has fought valiantly in defense of  
3 the United States and its citizens and principles; and

4 WHEREAS, There are approximately 201,000 active duty and  
5 100,000 reserve members of the Marine Corps; and

6 WHEREAS, Marines recognize the Marine Corps as a tradition  
7 built on time-honored values and principles; and

8 WHEREAS, Marines truly embody the motto of the Marine Corps:  
9 Semper Fidelis which translates from Latin as "always faithful"  
10 and signifies the defense of freedom and democracy worldwide;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, "Raising of the Flag on Iwo Jima," the famous  
13 photograph by Joe Rosenthal, will always symbolize the triumph  
14 and glory of the Marine Corps; and

15 WHEREAS, The Marine Air Ground Task Force integrates a ground  
16 combat element, an aviation combat element and a logistics  
17 combat element under a common command element; and

18 WHEREAS, Known for its amphibious and land capabilities, the  
19 Marine Air Ground Task Force operates independently or as part  
20 of a larger coalition; and

21 WHEREAS, During World War I, Marines fought their famed  
22 Battle at Belleau Wood, establishing their reputation for  
23 toughness and fierceness; and

24 WHEREAS, The Marine Corps played a central role in the  
25 liberation of the Pacific Islands during World War II; and

26 WHEREAS, The momentum of the Korean War shifted when the  
27 Marine Corps, in conjunction with the Navy, launched a massive  
28 amphibious attack at Inchon, surprising the North Koreans by  
29 putting thousands of United States troops behind enemy lines;  
30 and

1       WHEREAS, The Marine Corps participated in major offensives of  
2 the Vietnam Conflict, engaging in guerrilla warfare,  
3 implementing unconventional techniques for counterinsurgency and  
4 working as military advisors to the Republic of Vietnam Marine  
5 Corps; and

6       WHEREAS, From 1990 to 1992, Marines participated in Operation  
7 Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm, leading the liberation  
8 of Kuwait and the defeat of Iraqi forces; and

9       WHEREAS, The Marine Corps continues to make significant  
10 contributions to the war on terrorism; and

11       WHEREAS, The Marine Corps supports peacekeeping missions and  
12 humanitarian operations in countries such as Liberia,  
13 Bangladesh, the Philippines and Somalia; and

14       WHEREAS, Marine Corps Order No. 47, Series 192, written by  
15 Lieutenant General John A. Lejeune, Major General Commandant of  
16 the Marine Corps, established the mandatory celebration of the  
17 Marine Corps' anniversary; therefore be it

18       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize  
19 November 10, 2016, as "Marine Corps Day" in Pennsylvania in  
20 honor of the United States Marine Corps' 241st anniversary.