

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION**No. 164** Session of
2013

INTRODUCED BY GREINER, MARCH 15, 2013

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
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A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Bronze Star Medal recipient First Sergeant Wilmer R. ◀
2 Gentry in recognition of his 22 years of meritorious service
3 to his country.

4 WHEREAS, First Sergeant Wilmer R. Gentry served 22 years of ◀
5 active duty with the United States Marine Corps, attaining the
6 rank of First Sergeant; and ◀

7 WHEREAS, First Sergeant Gentry served in the Korean War and ◀
8 two tours of duty in Vietnam; and

9 WHEREAS, In Vietnam, he was assigned as a section chief of an
10 M-55 howitzer gun crew and was always the first to step forward
11 to accept the most dangerous tasks that confronted his unit; and

12 WHEREAS, First Sergeant Gentry further served as a forward ◀
13 observer scout sergeant at remote outposts in the heart of Viet
14 Cong territory, a commander of a detached howitzer platoon and a
15 noncommissioned officer in charge of a special unit assigned to
16 conduct a reconnaissance mission; and

17 WHEREAS, First Sergeant Gentry is being presented with the ◀
18 Bronze Star Medal in recognition of his meritorious service as a

1 member of the United States Marine Corps; and

2 WHEREAS, The Bronze Star is the fourth highest award for
3 bravery, heroism or meritorious service in the United States
4 Armed Forces and was established by President Franklin D.
5 Roosevelt in 1944; and

6 WHEREAS, First Sergeant Gentry graduated from George ◀
7 Washington University and Saint Leo University and retired as
8 Chief Executive Officer of the American Red Cross in Lancaster;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Throughout his military career, First Sergeant ◀
11 Gentry displayed conspicuous gallantry, extraordinary heroism
12 and intrepid leadership; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor Bronze Star
14 Medal recipient First Sergeant Wilmer R. Gentry in recognition ◀
15 of his 22 years of meritorious service to his country; and be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
18 First Sergeant Wilmer R. Gentry, 303 Hilltop Drive, Ephrata, ◀
19 Pennsylvania 17522.