
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 277 Session of
2023

INTRODUCED BY ROZZI, SOLOMON, MADDEN, McNEILL, DELLOSO, FREEMAN,
MENTZER, HADDOCK, R. MACKENZIE, KHAN, DIAMOND, BRENNAN,
SANCHEZ, MERSKI, BOROWSKI, MALAGARI, HARKINS AND CEPEDA-
FREYTIZ, DECEMBER 8, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, DECEMBER 8, 2023

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing December 16, 2023, as "Wreaths Across America Day"
2 in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The mission of Wreaths Across America began in 1992
4 when the owners of the Worcester Wreath Company delivered 5,000
5 wreaths to Arlington National Cemetery for placement at the
6 graves of deceased veterans and members of the United States
7 Armed Forces; and

8 WHEREAS, This tradition of recognizing the service and
9 sacrifices of veterans and fallen service members has grown over
10 the past three decades and is recognized in December; and

11 WHEREAS, Wreaths Across America first achieved its goal of
12 laying a wreath at every grave marker at Arlington National
13 Cemetery in 2014, and it has continued to expand its efforts
14 each year; and

15 WHEREAS, More than 2.7 million wreaths were placed on graves
16 in 2022; and

1 WHEREAS, Thanks to the generosity of thousands of volunteers
2 who work tirelessly to lay remembrance wreaths upon graves at
3 more than 3,700 locations nationwide, we share an opportunity to
4 reflect upon the unforgettable sacrifices of our nation's
5 military service members during the holiday season; and

6 WHEREAS, "Wreaths Across America Day" is a solemn occasion to
7 remember those who died in the course of their military service,
8 honor the dedication of all veterans and service members and
9 recognize the losses of the families of our fallen heroes; and

10 WHEREAS, Wreaths Across America's mission of "Remember,
11 Honor, Teach" reminds us all of the fundamental American values
12 of charity and service; and

13 WHEREAS, The 2023 theme for Wreaths Across America is "Serve
14 and Succeed"; and

15 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania has for many years held a ceremony in
16 the Main Rotunda of its State Capitol Building in Harrisburg to
17 memorialize the Wreaths Across America tradition; therefore be
18 it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize
20 December 16, 2023, as "Wreaths Across America Day" in
21 Pennsylvania; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives call upon all
23 residents of this Commonwealth to reflect on the service and
24 sacrifices of veterans, members of the United States Armed
25 Forces and their families.