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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating June 15, 2019, as "LRRP of Company I (Ranger) 75th  
2 Infantry Division Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The United States Army Ranger history predates the  
4 Revolutionary War; and

5 WHEREAS, In the mid-1700s, Major Robert Rogers supported the  
6 formation of Ranger units to fight in the French and Indian War;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Major Rogers wrote the "28 Rules of Ranging," orders  
9 that are still in use today; and

10 WHEREAS, Since the American Revolution, Ranger military units  
11 have operated in service to country by harassing, interdicting,  
12 suppressing and neutralizing the enemies of the United States;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Robert Rogers' Standing Orders and the Ranger Creed  
15 have been applied through the centuries as wars called for the  
16 skills of the Rangers; and

17 WHEREAS, Many famous men belonged to Ranger units during the  
18 18th and 19th centuries, including the "Swamp Fox" Francis

1 Marion, John Singleton Mosby, Daniel Boone and Abraham Lincoln;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, After each war, the Rangers were disbanded and after  
4 the Civil War more than half a century passed without Ranger  
5 units; and

6 WHEREAS, In 1941, the United States activated six Ranger  
7 units under the leadership of William O. Darby to fight  
8 throughout the European and Pacific theaters of World War II,  
9 including the "impossible missions" of North Africa; and

10 WHEREAS, Rangers scaled the cliffs of Pointe du Hoc,  
11 destroying enemy guns and gaining their motto, "Rangers Lead The  
12 Way"; and

13 WHEREAS, The Rangers were disbanded after World War II but  
14 reestablished during the Korean War as the need arose for  
15 specially trained, small Ranger units; and

16 WHEREAS, During the Vietnam War, the activation of a Ranger  
17 unit trained in the art of guerilla warfare with understanding  
18 of insurgency and counterinsurgency was necessary; and

19 WHEREAS, After strong arguments before the Department of  
20 Defense and the President of the United States, it was agreed  
21 that a Ranger unit would be formed within the guidelines of the  
22 legendary history of Ranger warfare; and

23 WHEREAS, General William Westmoreland facilitated a link  
24 between long range reconnaissance patrol (LRRP) units of every  
25 combat division in the Vietnam War zone, ensuring the Ranger  
26 lineage in battle for the United States; and

27 WHEREAS, LRRP/Rangers have received every military decoration  
28 from the Medal of Honor to the Army Commendation Medal with  
29 Valor; and

30 WHEREAS, The LRRP of Company I (Ranger) 75th Infantry is

1 considered one of the most decorated and respected Ranger units  
2 of the Vietnam War, with one of its brothers being awarded the  
3 Medal of Honor; and

4 WHEREAS, The LRRP of Company I (Ranger) 75th Infantry has two  
5 members in the Ranger Hall of Fame in Fort Benning, Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, The LRRP of Company I (Ranger) 75th Infantry visits  
7 Pennsylvania and enjoys its hospitality, people, cities, towns  
8 and villages by holding its national convention in Bensalem,  
9 Bucks County, Pennsylvania; therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate June  
11 15, 2019, as "LRRP of Company I (Ranger) 75th Infantry Division  
12 Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize and  
14 honor all members of this prestigious and elite unit, the LRRP  
15 of Company I (Ranger) 75th Infantry.