
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JULY 20, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating Pocono Raceway for its commitment to our veterans
2 by placing a Chair of Honor within the raceway to recognize
3 our American POW/MIAs.

4 WHEREAS, Our United States Armed Forces personnel make
5 sacrifices for their families and friends and put their lives on
6 the line in defense of all we hold dear in this great country;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, We support the valiant efforts of our men and women
9 who serve in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and Coast
10 Guard and hope for their safe return at all times. However, some
11 of these dedicated men and women do not come home; and

12 WHEREAS, Their sacrifices may not be known, but their bravery
13 will never be forgotten; and

14 WHEREAS, The Pocono Raceway is one of only two racetracks to

1 host two NASCAR races and one INDYCAR race; and

2 WHEREAS, Pocono Raceway was founded in the early 1960s by Dr.
3 Joseph Mattioli, who entered service in the United States Navy
4 and then served as a United States Marine during World War II in
5 the South Pacific; and

6 WHEREAS, One-third of the population of the United States
7 lives within 300 miles of the racetrack, making Pocono Raceway a
8 unique platform to showcase military performances and
9 demonstrations during its major events. In addition to providing
10 complimentary display space to all branches of the military,
11 Pocono Raceway proudly incorporates military assets into a
12 prerace "Military Honors and Recognition Ceremony" including
13 color guards, military bands and drill teams; and

14 WHEREAS, Pocono Raceway distributes tickets to more than 30
15 military bases and units, as well as squadron and battalion
16 headquarters and USO district offices. Additionally, Pocono
17 Raceway has a partnership with ID.me, an award-winning identity
18 verification service, to power a preferred pricing benefit to
19 members of the military and their families; and

20 WHEREAS, Pocono Raceway works with all branches of the
21 military to support recruiting, retention and morale, beginning
22 with a Deferred Enlistment Program swearing-in ceremony at each
23 of its races for all branches of the military and by providing
24 various military booster clubs with fundraising opportunities;
25 and

26 WHEREAS, While we look forward to the return of our troops
27 currently serving overseas and hope for their safety, we must
28 also remember and pay tribute to the more than 91,000 servicemen
29 and servicewomen who are unaccounted for from the wars and armed
30 conflicts in which the United States has been involved since

1 World War I; and

2 WHEREAS, Members of the military, their families, our
3 communities and this nation should strive to find a renewed
4 commitment to the ideals for which veterans fought and the
5 strength, unity and resolve to uphold their mission today and
6 throughout the years; and

7 WHEREAS, In recent years, commemorative chairs honoring
8 American POW/MIAs have been placed in prominent locations and
9 public venues across the United States, and Pocono Raceway is
10 helping to continue that effort and helping to set the stage for
11 many more to follow in their path of honoring our warriors; and

12 WHEREAS, On July 31, 2015, a POW/MIA Chair of Honor will be
13 unveiled at the Pocono Raceway; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives congratulate
15 Pocono Raceway for its commitment to our veterans by placing a
16 Chair of Honor within the raceway to recognize our American
17 POW/MIAs; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives congratulate
19 Pocono Raceway, the owners of the raceway and NASCAR fans
20 everywhere for showing the same commitment and dedication to our
21 men and women serving in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force
22 and Coast Guard as Dr. Mattioli did for the country he loved;
23 and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage all
25 public and private organizations and venues to join the House of
26 Representatives, Pocono Raceway and all others who have pledged
27 that American POW/MIAs will never be forgotten by placing a
28 POW/MIA Chair of Honor at various public venue facilities across
29 this Commonwealth; and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to

1 Brandon Igdalsky, President and CEO, Pocono Raceway, PO Box 500,
2 Long Pond, PA 18334.