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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY DUSH, BAKER, BARBIN, BARRAR, BERNSTINE, R. BROWN, V. BROWN, CAUSER, CORBIN, COX, DEAN, DIGIROLAMO, DRISCOLL, ENGLISH, HENNESSEY, HILL-EVANS, JAMES, KAVULICH, LONGIETTI, MACKENZIE, MALONEY, MEHAFFIE, METZGAR, MILLARD, MURT, NEILSON, O'NEILL, PASHINSKI, PICKETT, QUIGLEY, RAPP, READSHAW, ROZZI, RYAN, SACCONI, SAINATO, SAYLOR, SCHLOSSBERG, SOLOMON, TOEPEL, TOOHIL, VAZQUEZ, WATSON, MENTZER, WARD, BOBACK, CALTAGIRONE AND GOODMAN, SEPTEMBER 11, 2017

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
SEPTEMBER 11, 2017

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A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the United States Air Force on the 70th anniversary of  
2 its creation.

3 WHEREAS, On September 18, 1947, the United States Air Force  
4 began as a separate arm of the newly created United States  
5 Department of Defense with the swearing-in of its first  
6 secretary, Stuart Symington; and

7 WHEREAS, The Air Force was created as a service separate from  
8 the United States Army and the United States Navy with the  
9 passage of the National Security Act of 1947, reflecting the  
10 fact that air power had been developed to a point where its  
11 responsibilities were equal to those of land and sea power; and

12 WHEREAS, President Harry S. Truman signed the National  
13 Security Act of 1947 on July 26, 1947, while in flight aboard  
14 the first official presidential aircraft, a Douglas VC-54C named

1 Sacred Cow; and

2 WHEREAS, The modern Air Force began its distinguished history  
3 with its origins in the United States Army Signal Corps during  
4 the early years of the 20th century; and

5 WHEREAS, During World War II, air power had truly come of age  
6 as American military pilots bravely and effectively fought in  
7 the skies above the European and Pacific Theaters; and

8 WHEREAS, The United States Air Force subsequently played a  
9 key role in countering the Communist threat during the Cold War  
10 era; and

11 WHEREAS, Today's modern Air Force proudly and successfully  
12 performs its mission on a global scale, and its highly trained  
13 service members use state-of-the-art technology to quickly  
14 engage the defense and protection of America's citizens and our  
15 allies; and

16 WHEREAS, Members of the United States Air Force are pledged  
17 to live by a specific set of core values; and

18 WHEREAS, The first core value of the United States Air Force,  
19 "Integrity first," includes a commitment to courage, honesty,  
20 responsibility, accountability, justice, openness, self-respect  
21 and humility; and

22 WHEREAS, The second core value of the United States Air  
23 Force, "Service before self," includes rule-following, respect  
24 for others, discipline and self-control; and

25 WHEREAS, The third core value of the United States Air Force,  
26 "Excellence in all we do," includes a commitment to excellence  
27 in the areas of product and service, personal and professional  
28 life, community, resources and operations; therefore be it

29 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the United  
30 States Air Force on the 70th anniversary of its creation.