
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 710 Session of
2020

INTRODUCED BY MACKENZIE, BARRAR, BIZZARRO, BROOKS, BROWN, BURNS, CONKLIN, COX, SCHLEGEL CULVER, DONATUCCI, EVERETT, FEE, FREEMAN, GREINER, HAHN, HICKERNELL, HILL-EVANS, JAMES, JONES, KAUFFMAN, KIM, KORTZ, KULIK, LONGIETTI, McCARTER, McNEILL, MENTZER, MERSKI, MILLARD, MIZGORSKI, MOUL, MURT, NEILSON, PASHINSKI, PICKETT, READSHAW, ROTHMAN, RYAN, SAINATO, SANCHEZ, SAPPEY, SCHLOSSBERG, SCHMITT, SHUSTERMAN, SONNEY, STAATS, STRUZZI, THOMAS, TOEPEL, ULLMAN, WHEATLEY, YOUNGBLOOD AND ZIMMERMAN, FEBRUARY 3, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, FEBRUARY 3, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 29, 2020, as "National Vietnam War Veterans
2 Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act, signed in
4 2017, designates March 29 of each year as "National Vietnam War
5 Veterans Day"; and

6 WHEREAS, On this day, we honor and give thanks for the
7 service and sacrifice of Vietnam War veterans and their families
8 and for the valor of servicepersons killed or missing in action;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, We remember the long engagement of United States
11 Armed Forces, wartime support organizations and our nation's
12 allies as well as the contributions made by civilians; and

13 WHEREAS, We reflect on the era's advances in technology,
14 science and medical practice and the wealth of records and

1 research associated with the war; and

2 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives joins in paying tribute
3 to United States military personnel called to active duty
4 between November 1, 1955, and May 15, 1975, whether in-country,
5 in-theater or deployed elsewhere in support of operations in
6 Southeast Asia; and

7 WHEREAS, More than 9 million Americans were on active duty
8 during that period, with an estimated 2.7 million serving in-
9 country or in-waters; and

10 WHEREAS, More than 58,000 servicepersons, including nearly
11 3,150 Pennsylvanians, died; and

12 WHEREAS, Their names are etched on the black granite panels
13 of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, DC; and

14 WHEREAS, A reported 2,500 Americans were held as prisoners of
15 war; and

16 WHEREAS, More than 300,000 Americans were wounded; and

17 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Defense has
18 indicated that 1,587 Americans are unaccounted for in Southeast
19 Asia; and

20 WHEREAS, To mark the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War, The
21 United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration was
22 established pursuant to the 2008 National Defense Authorization
23 Act; and

24 WHEREAS, Public and private commemorative partner agencies
25 and organizations began hosting official events on Memorial Day
26 2012; and

27 WHEREAS, Commemorative events, including wreath-laying
28 ceremonies and presentation of Department of Defense lapel pins
29 for veterans and surviving spouses, are slated to continue
30 nationwide through Veterans Day 2025; therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize March
2 29, 2020, as "National Vietnam War Veterans Day" in
3 Pennsylvania.