
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JUNE 19, 2018

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Belleau Wood
2 in northern France, where Allied forces engaged German Army
3 units for more than three weeks in a pivotal event during
4 World War I.

5 WHEREAS, The Battle of Belleau Wood began when newly serving
6 United States ground units were drawn into sustained combat
7 against five divisions of well-placed, seasoned German fighters
8 who had penetrated French lines; and

9 WHEREAS, The Battle of Belleau Wood occurred during the
10 waning period of the German Spring Offensive of 1918, a campaign
11 to defeat the French and British armies along the Western Front
12 before United States combat forces entered in large numbers; and

13 WHEREAS, The United States 23rd Infantry Regiment, the 1st
14 Battalion, the 5th Marine Regiment and an element of the 6th
15 Machine Gun Battalion had marched more than six miles to enter
16 Belleau Wood on June 1, 1918; and

1 WHEREAS, The Allied counterattack ended on June 26, 1918,
2 when American units drove out the remaining German forces to
3 recapture Belleau Wood; and

4 WHEREAS, Fighting in heavily wooded terrain and open fields,
5 the Allied forces established this foothold on the Western Front
6 at great cost, with 1,811 fatalities and 7,966 casualties; and

7 WHEREAS, The number of Marine Corps casualties at Belleau
8 Wood was among the highest in Marine Corps history; and

9 WHEREAS, The 4th Brigade was awarded the Croix de Guerre for
10 its distinguished alliance with French forces; and

11 WHEREAS, Belleau Wood was officially renamed Bois de la
12 Brigade de Marine on June 30, 1918, in honor of the brigade's
13 heroism in action and its sacrifice; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
15 100th anniversary of the Battle of Belleau Wood in northern
16 France, where Allied forces engaged German Army units for more
17 than three weeks in a pivotal event during World War I.