
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of June 11 through 17, 2017, as "State
2 Veterans' Homes Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The history of our nation reflects the contributions
4 and memories of the men and women of the United States Armed
5 Forces who have succeeded in preserving our freedom over the
6 course of more than two centuries, and whose task, while
7 unquantifiable in terms of sacrifice and commitment, stands as a
8 lasting tribute to the ideals we value as Americans; and

9 WHEREAS, These American heroes relinquished a part of their
10 lives in defense of the United States, and their struggles will
11 never be forgotten, overlooked or underestimated; and

12 WHEREAS, Those who served this nation in the United States
13 Armed Forces forever carry the virtues of liberty, freedom and
14 the right to independence, and we, as citizens of the United
15 States of America, owe an incalculable debt to these heroes,
16 past and present, and should take time to thank them; and

17 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth has, for more than 100 years,

1 provided a home for distinguished veterans in need; and

2 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania will continue to honor its veterans by
3 providing them with the support they so richly deserve; and

4 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania offers its veterans and their spouses
5 exceptional around-the-clock care through a network of six
6 extended-care facilities located in major population centers
7 throughout this Commonwealth; and

8 WHEREAS, The network of facilities is comprised of the
9 Delaware Valley Veterans' Home, Gino J. Merli Veterans' Center,
10 Hollidaysburg Veterans' Home, Pennsylvania Soldiers' and
11 Sailors' Home, Southeastern Veterans' Center and Southwestern
12 Veterans' Center; and

13 WHEREAS, These facilities serve more than 1,500 eligible
14 veterans and their spouses; and

15 WHEREAS, These facilities, offering personal care, skilled
16 nursing care, domiciliary care and dementia care, rate
17 exceptionally high in patient satisfaction levels compared to
18 the national average; therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That in recognition of our veterans and veterans'
20 homes, the Senate designate the week of June 11 through 17,
21 2017, as "State Veterans' Homes Week" in Pennsylvania and
22 encourage all residents to visit a State-supported home in Erie,
23 Hollidaysburg, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Scranton or Spring
24 City, and thank the cherished veterans and the dedicated
25 personnel who serve them.