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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of June 14 through 20, 2015, as "State  
2 Veterans' Homes Week" in Pennsylvania.

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

9 WHEREAS, These heroes relinquished a part of their lives in  
10 defense of the United States and their struggles will never be  
11 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 men and  
16 women, and we should take time to thank each of these American  
17 heroes, past and present; and

1       WHEREAS, The Commonwealth has, for more than 100 years,  
2 provided a home for these distinguished veterans in need; and

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

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

9       WHEREAS, These six homes serve more than 1,500 eligible  
10 veterans and their spouses; and

11       WHEREAS, These facilities, offering personal care, skilled  
12 nursing care, domiciliary care and dementia care, rate  
13 exceptionally high in patient satisfaction levels compared to  
14 the national average; and

15       WHEREAS, This system is comprised of the Delaware Valley  
16 Veterans Home, the Gino J. Merli Veterans Center, Hollidaysburg  
17 Veterans Home, Pennsylvania Soldiers' and Sailors' Home,  
18 Southeastern Veterans Center and Southwestern Veterans Center;  
19 therefore be it

20       RESOLVED, That in recognition of our veterans and veterans'  
21 homes, the Senate designate the week of June 14 through 20,  
22 2015, as "State Veterans' Homes Week" in Pennsylvania and  
23 encourage all residents to visit a State-supported home in Erie,  
24 Hollidaysburg, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Scranton or Spring City  
25 and thank these cherished veterans and the dedicated personnel  
26 who serve them.