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A RESOLUTION

Designating June 15, 2019, as "LRRP of Company I, (Rangers), 1 75th Infantry Division Day" in Pennsylvania. 2 3 WHEREAS, The United States Army Ranger history predates the 4 Revolutionary War; and 5 WHEREAS, In the mid-1700s, Major Robert Rogers supported the 6 formation of Ranger units to fight in the French and Indian War; 7 and 8 WHEREAS, Major Robert Rogers wrote the "28 Rules of Ranging," 9 orders that are still in use today; and 10 WHEREAS, Since the American Revolution, Ranger military units 11 have operated in service to country by harassing, interdicting, 12 suppressing and neutralizing the enemies of the United States; 13 and 14 WHEREAS, Robert Rogers' Standing Orders and the Ranger Creed 15 have been applied through the centuries as wars called for the 16 skills of the Rangers; and WHEREAS, Many famous men belonged to Ranger units during the 17 18th and 19th centuries, including the "Swamp Fox" Francis 18

Marion, John Singleton Mosby, Daniel Boone and Abraham Lincoln;
 and

3 WHEREAS, After each war, the Rangers were disbanded and after 4 the Civil War more than half a century passed without Ranger 5 units; and

6 WHEREAS, In 1941, the United States activated six Ranger 7 units under the leadership of William O. Darby to fight 8 throughout the European and Pacific theaters of World War II, 9 including the "impossible missions" of North Africa; and 10 WHEREAS, Rangers scaled the cliffs of Pointe du Hoc 11 destroying enemy guns and gaining its motto, "Rangers Lead The 12 Way"; and

13 WHEREAS, The Rangers were disbanded after World War II but 14 reestablished during the Korean War as the need arose for 15 specially trained, small Ranger units; and

16 WHEREAS, During the Vietnam War, the activation of a Ranger 17 unit trained in the art of guerilla warfare with understanding 18 of insurgency and counterinsurgency was necessary; and 19 WHEREAS, After strong arguments before the Department of 20 Defense and the President of the United States, it was agreed 21 that a Ranger unit would be formed within the guidelines of the 22 legendary history of Ranger warfare; and

23 WHEREAS, General William Westmoreland facilitated a link 24 between long range reconnaissance patrol (LRRP) units of every 25 combat division in the Vietnam War zone ensuring the Ranger 26 lineage in battle for the United States; and

27 WHEREAS, LRRP/Rangers have received every military decoration 28 from the Medal of Honor to the Army Commendation Medal with 29 valor; and

30 WHEREAS, The LRRP of Company I, (Rangers), 75th Infantry is 20190SR0166PN0968 - 2 - 1 considered one of the most decorated and respected Ranger units 2 of the Vietnam War with one of its brothers being awarded the 3 Medal of Honor; and

WHEREAS, The LRRP of Company I, (Rangers), 75th Infantry has
two members in the Ranger Hall of Fame located in Fort Benning,
Georgia; and

WHEREAS, The LRRP of Company I, (Rangers), 75th Infantry 7 8 visit Pennsylvania and enjoy its hospitality, people, cities, towns and villages by holding its national convention in 9 Bensalem, Bucks County, Pennsylvania; therefore be it 10 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate June 15, 2019, as "LRRP 11 of Company I, (Rangers), 75th Infantry Division Day" in 12 13 Pennsylvania; and be it further 14 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize and honor all members of

15 this prestigious and elite unit, the LRRP of Company I,

16 (Rangers), 75th Infantry.