THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY AUMENT, MASTRIANO, PENNYCUICK, ROBINSON, LAUGHLIN, BROOKS, ARGALL, FARRY, KANE, MARTIN, ROTHMAN, HUTCHINSON AND BREWSTER, MARCH 28, 2023

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, MARCH 28, 2023

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the 20th anniversary of Operation Iraqi Freedom.
- 2 WHEREAS, Operation Iraqi Freedom commenced on March 19, 2003,
- 3 as a military operation of the United States and coalition
- 4 forces with the mission to liberate Iraq from dictator Saddam
- 5 Hussein and extend freedom and democracy in the region; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Soldiers from each branch of the military had been
- 7 called to arms to defend and protect the homeland during
- 8 Operation Iraqi Freedom; and
- 9 WHEREAS, The contribution made by members of the military
- 10 forces in the Middle East is recognized and deeply appreciated
- 11 by citizens of this Commonwealth; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Thousands of Pennsylvania military servicemen and
- 13 women sacrificed so much to serve honorably in Operation Iraqi
- 14 Freedom, many making the ultimate sacrifice; and
- 15 WHEREAS, The residents of this Commonwealth and the Senate
- 16 will never forget the sacrifices made by these armed forces
- 17 personnel; and

- 1 WHEREAS, These brave and honorable armed forces personnel are
- 2 recognized with the highest respect; and
- 3 WHEREAS, The 20th anniversary of Operation Iraqi Freedom
- 4 reminds Pennsylvanians of all those who served their missions
- 5 with excellence, determination, patriotism and bravery; and
- 6 WHEREAS, As Americans, it is our responsibility to ensure
- 7 that our history is documented and reverence is given to our
- 8 veterans and war heroes; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Pennsylvanians are the beneficiaries of the courage
- 10 of those who left families behind and risked their lives; and
- 11 WHEREAS, The freedoms and security we cherish as Americans
- 12 come at a very high price for those serving in the military; and
- 13 WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper that we express our
- 14 appreciation and eternal gratitude for their sacrifices and
- 15 courageous acts; therefore be it
- 16 RESOLVED, That the Senate honor the 20th anniversary of
- 17 Operation Iraqi Freedom and all members of the military who have
- 18 honorably served in Iraq during this time; and be it further
- 19 RESOLVED, That the Senate honor Operation Iraqi Freedom
- 20 veterans who have sacrificed so much in order to serve their
- 21 country proudly; and be it further
- 22 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the anniversary of our
- 23 country's mission to instill freedom and democracy into Iraq and
- 24 protect our great country and cherished liberties.