

Senate of Pennsylvania



HARRISBURG, PA

In the Senate, June 21, 2018

Whereas, During major wars from World War I to the present, 32,080 Pennsylvania veterans were killed in combat and approximately 59,140 were wounded, making those Pennsylvanians eligible for the Purple Heart Medal; and

Whereas, The mission of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, chartered by an act of Congress, is to foster an environment of goodwill among combat wounded veterans and their families, to promote patriotism, to support legislative initiatives and, most importantly, to ensure that we never forget the sacrifices of veterans killed in action and wounded in combat; and

Whereas, Twenty-three states across the United States have honored their military veterans wounded and killed in combat by proclaiming their states to be Purple Heart states; and

Whereas, The Purple Heart Trail was established in 1992 by the Military Order of the Purple Heart as a symbolic trail throughout all 50 states to commemorate and honor all men and women who have been wounded or killed in combat while serving in the United States Armed Forces; and

Whereas, The Purple Heart Trail originates at a monument in Mt. Vernon, Virginia, which is the burial location of George Washington; and

Whereas, In Pennsylvania, State Route 45, also known as the Purple Heart Highway, winds through 100 miles of Huntingdon, Centre, Union, Northumberland and Montour Counties and is part of the Purple Heart Trail; and

Whereas, State Route 45 was christened the Purple Heart Highway because the Route 45 corridor has been home to many recipients of the Purple Heart; and

Whereas, The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania honors the service and sacrifices of our nation's men and women in uniform wounded or killed by the enemy while serving to protect the freedom enjoyed by all Americans; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Senate designate the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as a Purple Heart State and recognize August 7th as "Purple Heart Day" in Pennsylvania.

I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution No. 394, introduced by Senators Patrick M. Browne, Randy Vulakovich, Jay Costa, Lisa Baker, Vincent J. Hughes, Stewart J. Greenleaf, Scott Martin, Camera Bartolotta, Andrew E. Dinniman, Wayne D. Fontana, John H. Eichelberger, Jr., Mike Folmer, Judith L. Schwank, John C. Rafferty, Jr., David S. Argall, Kim L. Ward, Thomas H. Killion, Christine M. Tartaglione, John P. Sabatina, Jr. and Mike Regan, and adopted by the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania the twenty-first day of June, in the year of our Lord, two thousand eighteen.

Attest:



Megan Martin

Megan Martin, Secretary

House of Representatives



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER

In the House, July 19, 2018

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Resolved, That the House of Representatives designate the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as a Purple Heart State and recognize August 7th as "Purple Heart Day" in Pennsylvania.

I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 992, introduced by Ryan E. Mackenzie, Rosemary M. Brown, Becky Corbin, Gary Day, Gene DiGirolamo, Frank A. Farry, Keith J. Greiner, Jim Hennessey, Ed Neilson, Harry Readshaw, Greg Rothman, Francis X. Ryan, Michael H. Schlossberg, Sarah Toohil, Michael N. Corr, Cris Dush, Curtis G. Sonney, David R. Millard, Mark Longiotti, Marcia M. Hahn, Karen Boback, Stan Saylor, R. Lee James, Frank Burns, Thomas R. Caltagirone, William C. Kortz, II, Tina Pickett, Brett R. Miller, Marguerite Quinn, Lynda Schlegel Culver, Ron Marsico, Neal P. Goodman, Jim Cox, Thomas P. Murt, Rosita C. Youngblood, Susan C. Helm, Tina M. Davis, Michael J. Driscoll, Margo L. Davidson, James R. Roebuck, Jr., Donna Oberlander, Judy Ward and Sid Michaels Kavulich.



Mike Turzai
Mike Turzai, Speaker