
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 202 Session of
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PICCOLA, CONTI, RAFFERTY, REGOLA AND WENGER,
NOVEMBER 15, 2005

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, NOVEMBER 15, 2005

A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating the 250th anniversary of Pennsylvania's first
2 militia law and designating Friday, November 25, 2005, as
3 "National Guard Day" in Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, In 1747 Benjamin Franklin organized the Associators
5 in Philadelphia; and

6 WHEREAS, Units of today's Pennsylvania National Guard trace
7 their lineage to the first Associators; and

8 WHEREAS, In 1755 the General Assembly of the Province of
9 Pennsylvania received a great number of petitions from the
10 several counties of the province "setting forth that the
11 petitioners were very willing to defend themselves and their
12 country and desirous of being formed into regular bodies for
13 that purpose, instructed and disciplined under proper officers
14 with suitable and legal authority"; and

15 WHEREAS, Responding to these petitions, the representatives
16 of the Province of Pennsylvania, meeting in General Assembly,

1 passed Pennsylvania's first militia law on November 25, 1755;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, The militia law, passed "for the better ordering and
4 regulating such as are willing and desirous to be united for
5 military purposes within this province," created the volunteer
6 militia and laid the legal foundation for the militia and the
7 Pennsylvania National Guard; and

8 WHEREAS, Enactment of the act of November 25, 1755, marked
9 the beginning of 250 years of cooperation and support from the
10 General Assembly for the Pennsylvania militia, the Pennsylvania
11 National Guard and the soldiers and airmen who proudly serve
12 this Commonwealth and our nation; and

13 WHEREAS, November 25, 2005, the day after Thanksgiving, marks
14 the 250th anniversary of Pennsylvania's first militia law; and

15 WHEREAS, For more than 250 years, in war and in peace,
16 Pennsylvania National Guard soldiers and airmen have served at
17 home and abroad, serving in every war and responding to floods,
18 blizzards and other emergencies at home; and

19 WHEREAS, The continued support of the General Assembly has
20 been and is today critical to the success of the Pennsylvania
21 National Guard; therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That the Senate commemorate the 250th anniversary
23 of Pennsylvania's first militia law and designate Friday,
24 November 25, 2005, as "National Guard Day" in Pennsylvania; and
25 be it further

26 RESOLVED, That a grateful Commonwealth ask all
27 Pennsylvanians, in giving thanks this Thanksgiving for all the
28 blessings we enjoy, to recognize the Pennsylvania National Guard
29 and the service of generations of soldiers and airmen from this
30 Commonwealth at its inception to the great Commonwealth we are

1 today; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
3 the Governor and to the Adjutant General of Pennsylvania.