

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating May 10, 2013, as "Military Spouse Appreciation Day"
2 in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, In 1969, the Military Wives Association was formed
4 by a small group of wives and widows who gathered to voice their
5 concerns about inadequate support for military families who had
6 lost loved ones; and

7 WHEREAS, In 1984, "Military Spouse Appreciation Day" was
8 first celebrated when President Ronald Reagan proclaimed the
9 observance to honor the contributions of military spouses; and

10 WHEREAS, Military spouses embody the courage, sense of duty
11 and love of country that inspire every American; and

12 WHEREAS, Military spouses make tremendous sacrifices,
13 including enduring long separations, assuming household
14 responsibilities and caring for children while their loved ones
15 are away; and

16 WHEREAS, Military spouses act with patience, selflessness and
17 compassion while serving as the front line of this country's

1 conscience to ensure the appropriate care of soldiers returning
2 from duty with serious conditions, including traumatic brain
3 injuries and post-traumatic stress disorder; and

4 WHEREAS, Many military spouses are also volunteers in their
5 communities who serve the needs of other military families; and

6 WHEREAS, The nation benefits from the sacrifices of military
7 families, and is inspired by their courage, strength and
8 leadership; and

9 WHEREAS, On "Military Spouses Appreciation Day" and
10 throughout the year, we honor the commitment military spouses
11 have made to their loved ones, our country and freedom;
12 therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate May 10,
14 2013, as "Military Spouse Appreciation Day" in Pennsylvania.