

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 27 Session of 2015

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, JANUARY 21, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating February 19, 2015, as "The Battle of Iwo Jima  
2 Remembrance Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, February 19, 2015, marks the 70th anniversary of the  
4 start of the Battle of Iwo Jima, where the United States Armed  
5 Forces captured the island of Iwo Jima from the Japanese Empire;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, On February 19, 1945, the amphibious landing began  
8 by the United States Marines with 450 American ships, 60,000  
9 Marines and 10,000 Navy Seabees and occurred off the coast of  
10 Iwo Jima; and

11 WHEREAS, Shortly after 9 a.m., under protective Naval  
12 gunfire, the United States Marines arrived on the beach of Iwo  
13 Jima and encountered little enemy resistance until the Japanese

1 emerged from their underground positions; and

2 WHEREAS, The 36-day assault from February 19 to March 26,  
3 1945, claimed the lives of 6,821 American troops and wounded  
4 19,217, and two soldiers were taken into captivity; and

5 WHEREAS, The Japanese on the island lost 18,844 of their  
6 22,060 soldiers in the fighting or by ritual suicide, an  
7 additional 216 were captured and approximately 300 were hidden  
8 in caves and tunnels for days; and

9 WHEREAS, The Battle of Iwo Jima saw one-third of all Marines  
10 killed in World War II, resulting in the battle with the most  
11 casualties in Marine Corps history; and

12 WHEREAS, After the Battle of Iwo Jima, the island served as  
13 an emergency landing site for more than 2,200 B-29 bombers;  
14 therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commemorate  
16 February 19, 2015, as "The Battle of Iwo Jima Remembrance Day";  
17 and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That local governments and communities throughout  
19 this Commonwealth be encouraged to conduct appropriate "The  
20 Battle of Iwo Jima Remembrance Day" observances to ensure that  
21 the many sacrifices of that day are not forgotten.