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A RESOLUTION

1 Paying tribute to the heroic efforts and sacrifices of the  
 2 United States Armed Forces during the Battle of Iwo Jima on  
 3 its 68th anniversary.

4 WHEREAS, The World War II battle for the Island of Iwo Jima  
 5 was the most difficult in United States Marine Corps history;  
 6 and

7 WHEREAS, Understanding that the price they were expected to  
 8 pay was high, the soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen whose  
 9 mission it was to take the Island of Iwo Jima nevertheless set  
 10 to the task with extraordinary determination; and

11 WHEREAS, The United States Marine Corps suffered more than  
 12 23,000 casualties, including nearly 6,000 marines who lost their  
 13 lives; and

14 WHEREAS, The United States Marine Corps fought against an

1 entrenched and determined enemy force numbering approximately  
2 20,000 soldiers and sailors; and

3 WHEREAS, The courageous men battled yard by yard over a 36-  
4 day period to conquer the eight-square-mile volcanic island; and

5 WHEREAS, The victory achieved at Iwo Jima provided the United  
6 States with a strategic base in the Western Pacific for the  
7 final push against the enemy, thereby bringing the Pacific phase  
8 of World War II one step closer to its conclusion; and

9 WHEREAS, When the American flag was raised over Mount  
10 Suribachi, signifying American command over the island, the  
11 conduct of these fighting men was such that Admiral Chester  
12 Nimitz proclaimed that during this battle "uncommon valor was a  
13 common virtue"; and

14 WHEREAS, The American victory, and the symbolic culmination  
15 of countless acts of bravery and selfless sacrifice, was  
16 captured for all and etched indelibly in our consciousness in  
17 the photograph of the planting of the flag on Mount Suribachi;  
18 and

19 WHEREAS, That powerful image evokes profound thoughts and  
20 emotions for generations removed from the epic battle; and

21 WHEREAS, Iwo Jima has entered the history books as one of the  
22 most courageous examples of the fighting spirit of the United  
23 States Armed Forces; and

24 WHEREAS, The 68th anniversary of the Battle of Iwo Jima will  
25 commence on February 19, 2013; therefore be it

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge all  
27 Pennsylvanians to join their fellow Americans in paying tribute  
28 to the courageous members of the United States Armed Forces who  
29 were involved in the Battle of Iwo Jima and use February 19,  
30 2013, as a time of reflection on the bravery and spirit of our

1 servicemen.