
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Lake Erie,
2 one of the biggest naval battles of the War of 1812.

3 WHEREAS, The War of 1812 marks the first-ever declared war of
4 the then fledgling United States; and

5 WHEREAS, The inexperienced American Navy took on the
6 recognized global sovereign of the seas, Great Britain, and her
7 new Canadian colony, to determine the northern borders of our
8 new country; and

9 WHEREAS, Casualties were enormous on all sides, and the
10 losses of great leaders, heroic seamen and naval resources were
11 devastating to all involved; and

12 WHEREAS, The Battle of Lake Erie took place on September 10,
13 1813; and

14 WHEREAS, Despite the immense tragedy of the war, it brought
15 about the escalated settlement of the American frontier,
16 including in Pennsylvania and Ohio, where the combined
17 population was less than several hundred before the war; and

18 WHEREAS, The war resulted in the development of shipbuilding

1 under incredibly difficult conditions in Erie and established
2 Lake Erie as a critical seaport with access to the Saint
3 Lawrence Seaway; and

4 WHEREAS, The war attracted craftsmen, suppliers, miners and
5 townspeople to the remote area of Erie to help in the war
6 effort; and

7 WHEREAS, The citizens of this Commonwealth rejoice that the
8 War of 1812 was the last war ever to be waged between the United
9 States and Great Britain; and

10 WHEREAS, Two hundred years later, the citizens of this
11 Commonwealth celebrate the bonds of friendship, respect, common
12 culture and unmatched international brotherhood among the United
13 States, the United Kingdom and Canada; and

14 WHEREAS, The United States, the United Kingdom and Canada
15 have stood side by side to face the challenges and atrocities of
16 World War I, World War II, the Cold War, the wars in Asia and
17 the Middle East and the War on Terrorism; and

18 WHEREAS, The friendship of our nations, forged with heroism
19 and dedication, shall remain a beacon of hope and peaceful
20 accord to all the world; therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, That the Senate commemorate the 200th anniversary
22 of the Battle of Lake Erie.