

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION**No. 437** Session of
2015

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REFERRED TO VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, AUGUST 10, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Congress of the United States and the Department of
2 Defense to expeditiously address the safety and protection of
3 United States Armed Forces personnel within the borders of
4 the United States.

5 WHEREAS, The United States should protect our military
6 personnel at all times; and

7 WHEREAS, On far too many occasions our honorable United
8 States Armed Forces personnel have become victims of horrible
9 and unspeakable crimes inflicted by fellow American citizens;

10 and

11 WHEREAS, On July 16, 2015, a gunman opened fire on two
12 military installations in Chattanooga, Tennessee, killing four
13 United States Marines and a United States Navy petty officer;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, The gunman approached and fired upon a combined
3 recruiting center before driving to a Naval Operational Support
4 Center and Marine Reserve Center to continue this insidious
5 attack; and

6 WHEREAS, In addition to the senseless act of violence against
7 our military personnel, others were wounded during the incident,
8 including a civilian law enforcement officer who faces a long
9 road to recovery; and

10 WHEREAS, Law enforcement personnel acted swiftly and
11 courageously to neutralize the threat; and

12 WHEREAS, We know that our nation and our military are at
13 risk, at home and abroad, by people wishing harm upon us and our
14 military personnel; and

15 WHEREAS, Our military support centers and recruitment centers
16 are vulnerable targets; and

17 WHEREAS, The community of Chattanooga, the State of
18 Tennessee, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and countless
19 Americans united in support of our lost heroes, the victims and
20 their families; and

21 WHEREAS, Countless citizens have volunteered to stand outside
22 military installations to provide security and protection to our
23 military personnel in the aftermath of this tragedy; therefore
24 be it

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
26 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the Congress of the United
27 States and the Department of Defense to expeditiously address
28 the security and protection of our military personnel within the
29 borders of the United States; and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the

1 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania call upon the United States
2 Department of Defense to thoroughly review and examine the
3 current domestic force protection policies and that the Congress
4 of the United States review Federal laws and regulations for
5 revisions to assist in providing adequate protection for United
6 States military personnel, including the authority to carry a
7 firearm on military installations and recruiting centers for
8 defense of self and others; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
10 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania recognize that it is time to take
11 domestic threats to our military personnel seriously; and be it
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
14 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania strongly endorse the need to give
15 our military personnel the respect and protection they deserve;
16 and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
18 the President of the United States, the Joint Chiefs of Staff of
19 the United States, the United States Secretary of Defense and to
20 each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.