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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AUGUST 10, 2015

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
AUGUST 10, 2015

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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;

14 and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

29       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the  
30 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania call upon the United States

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

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

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

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