
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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BENNINGHOFF AND MOUL, APRIL 24, 2015

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 24, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring and recognizing the individuals from this Commonwealth
2 who served as nurses during the Vietnam Conflict.

3 WHEREAS, Nurses served during the Vietnam Conflict in the
4 hospital ships of the Navy, the airlift helicopters and
5 airplanes of the Air Force and the hospitals and field hospitals
6 of the Army; and

7 WHEREAS, The nurses had various levels of nursing experience,
8 from newcomers in the field to experienced veterans; and

9 WHEREAS, Nurses served in active duty and reserve components
10 and did not have a typical tour of duty; and

11 WHEREAS, Combat nurses worked six days a week, 12 hours a
12 day, but when a mass casualty incident occurred those 12-hour

1 shifts could become much longer; and

2 WHEREAS, During the Tet Offensive of January 1968, sleep was
3 described as "the best recreation of all"; and

4 WHEREAS, The Vietnam Conflict was the first major conflict to
5 use helicopters to quickly transport the wounded to medical
6 facilities; and

7 WHEREAS, Due to the new medevac system, nurses were faced
8 with more patients and more severely wounded patients than in
9 previous conflicts; and

10 WHEREAS, Nurses treated patients under extreme conditions of
11 heat and humidity for battlefield injuries and illnesses such as
12 malaria, viral hepatitis, diarrheal disease, skin disease,
13 venereal disease and fevers of unknown origin; and

14 WHEREAS, Humor played a vital role in maintaining morale
15 during very difficult times; and

16 WHEREAS, During the Vietnam Conflict, 98% of the wounded
17 patients who made it to the hospital survived, due largely in
18 part to the courage, dedication and sacrifice of the nurses; and

19 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth acknowledges the significant
20 service of nurses during the Vietnam Conflict; therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor and
22 recognize the individuals from this Commonwealth who served as
23 nurses during the Vietnam Conflict.