
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 10, 2023

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Congress of the United States to make Patriots' Day a
2 Federal holiday.

3 WHEREAS, On April 19, 1775, nearly 700 British soldiers
4 marched from Boston to Concord in search of weapons and
5 munitions stored by Massachusetts militiamen; and

6 WHEREAS, Word quickly spread of the British soldiers'
7 movements; and

8 WHEREAS, At sunrise, the British were met by American
9 militiamen at Lexington; and

10 WHEREAS, The skirmish left eight militiamen dead and the
11 British soldiers continued onto Concord; and

12 WHEREAS, British troops were outnumbered nearly four to one
13 by Massachusetts farmers and minutemen at the Old North Bridge;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Casualties occurred on both sides, but the British
16 soldiers fled back to Boston; and

17 WHEREAS, Militiamen from throughout the region continued to
18 attack the British soldiers as they hurried back to the safety

1 of Boston; and

2 WHEREAS, While entering the town of Menotomy - now called
3 Arlington - the British were met with further resistance from
4 militiamen stationed on either side of the roadway leading back
5 to Boston; and

6 WHEREAS, British troops were ordered to clear every dwelling
7 to eliminate snipers; and

8 WHEREAS, Houses were then ransacked and set aflame by the
9 retreating British soldiers; and

10 WHEREAS, The Battles of Lexington and Concord and the Battle
11 of Menotomy marked the beginning of the American Revolution; and

12 WHEREAS, These battles and the American heroes who died in
13 them are commemorated every year as Patriots' Day on the third
14 Monday of April by several states; and

15 WHEREAS, Patriots' Day has been an official state holiday in
16 Massachusetts since 1894, in Maine since 1907 and in Connecticut
17 since 2018; and

18 WHEREAS, As a nation, we should always celebrate the
19 sacrifices of Americans in the fight against tyranny; therefore
20 be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
22 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the Congress of the United
23 States to make Patriots' Day a Federal holiday; and be it
24 further

25 RESOLVED, That we call upon our colleagues in the Senate of
26 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to urge the Congress of the
27 United States to make Patriots' Day a Federal holiday; and be it
28 further

29 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
30 each member of the Pennsylvania delegation to the Congress of

1 the United States.