

House of Representatives



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER

In the House, April 6, 2016

Whereas, Civil Air Patrol (CAP) is the official civilian auxiliary of the United States Air Force; and

Whereas, On December 1, 1941, CAP was created by an administrative order of the United States Director of Civilian Defense; and

Whereas, For 75 years, CAP has fulfilled its congressionally mandated missions of providing emergency services, aerospace education and cadet programs; and

Whereas, CAP's 75th anniversary theme is "Civil Air Patrol - Always Vigilant for America, 1941-2016"; and

Whereas, Anniversary activities and displays are planned throughout 2016, including at the Mid-Atlantic Air Museum's World War II Weekend in Rounding, Berks County, with observances culminating in a 75th anniversary gala at the Smithsonian Institution's Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center on December 1, 2016; and

Whereas, CAP is a federally chartered nonprofit organization with 56,000 members nationwide; and

Whereas, CAP operates a fleet of 550 aircraft, one of the largest fleets of single-engine piston aircraft in the world, with pilots flying more than 98,500 hours annually; and

Whereas, CAP performs approximately 90% of continental United States inland search and rescue missions as tasked by the United States Air Force Rescue Coordination Center, which credits CAP with saving an average of 78 lives annually; and

Whereas, CAP's unpaid professionals also perform homeland security, disaster relief and drug interdiction missions at the request of Federal, State and local agencies; and

Whereas, In 2015, CAP contributed more than \$164 million in man-hours by serving the disaster relief and emergency services needs of communities, states and the Nation; and

Whereas, In 2015, the PA Wing provided more than 700 cadet orientation flights, with 2,538 hours flown; and

Whereas, Counterdrug flights by the PA Wing in 2015 uncovered illicit substances with a street value of \$4.5 million; and

Whereas, Wreaths Across America observations were held at eight locations in this Commonwealth in 2015, with approximately 450 members in 21 local units participating; and

Whereas, In 2015, the value of the PA Wing's volunteer hours were estimated at almost \$5.5 million; therefore be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives recognize the 75th anniversary of the Civil Air Patrol; and be it further

Resolved, That residents of this Commonwealth be encouraged to learn more about CAP and its long history of service, sacrifice and love of country.

I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 748, introduced by Mulaney, Corbin, Barrar, Quigley, Baker, Killon, Readshaw, Regan, Dush, Sonney, Callagrone, Hennessey, Kirkland, Longiotti, Staats, R. Brown, Muchensie, Major, Millard, Cohen, White, Benninghoff, Sainato, Starkart, Succone, Hahn, Neilson, Cox, Watson, Pashinski, Mart, Schlossberg, Vereb, Toahil, Babuch, Metzger, Bizzarro, O'Neill, Ward, Wheeland, D. Costa, Kinsey, Kozzi, Phillips, Hill, Gibbons, Ellis, Irvin, McGinnis, A. Harris, Toepel, Saylor, Ross, Mursico, Payne, Milne, Digiralamo, Baulford, Jarry, Deasy, Goodman, Gillen, Grove, Mahoney, Everett, Donatucci, Zimmerman, Gingrich, Oberlander, Turina, Moul and Davis.



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