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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND INDUSTRY, JANUARY 12, 2026

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating March 21, 2026, as "Rosie the Riveter Day" in
2 Pennsylvania and honoring the service and contributions of
3 the millions of women who entered the workforce during World
4 War II.

5 WHEREAS, During World War II, 16 million American men left
6 their jobs in order to fight the Axis powers around the world;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Millions of vacant jobs were filled by women who,
9 traditionally, did not work in the manufacturing sector; and

10 WHEREAS, Women were now working in factories providing the
11 aircraft, vehicles, weaponry, ammunition and other material to
12 win the war; and

13 WHEREAS, In an effort to recruit women into the workforce,
14 the Federal Government began a campaign that included magazine
15 articles appealing to women; and

16 WHEREAS, On the cover of the May 29, 1943, edition of the
17 *Saturday Evening Post*, Norman Rockwell illustrated the first

1 Rosie the Riveter; and

2 WHEREAS, The millions of women who helped support the war
3 effort began to identify with Rosie the Riveter; and

4 WHEREAS, Among those identifying with this imagery were the
5 thousands of women from this Commonwealth who helped
6 Pennsylvania become "The Arsenal of America"; and

7 WHEREAS, These women built ships at the Philadelphia Naval
8 Shipyard, assembled anti-aircraft guns at the Naval Ordnance
9 Plant in York, assisted with the production of heavy trucks at
10 the Mack Manufacturing Corporation in Allentown, overhauled
11 battle-worn airplanes at the Harrisburg Shops in Middletown,
12 processed ammunition, including hand grenades and bombs, at
13 Franklin County's Letterkenny Ordnance Depot and worked in the
14 steel mills of Allegheny County; and

15 WHEREAS, During World War II, and in the years since, the
16 working women of this Commonwealth and the United States saw
17 Rosie the Riveter as an icon of female patriotism and a symbol
18 of what was necessary to support the war effort and win the war;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Mae Krier, now living in Levittown, worked as a
21 Rosie the Riveter on B-17s and B-29s in the Boeing Aircraft
22 factory in Seattle, Washington, during World War II; and

23 WHEREAS, March 21, 2026, is the occasion of Mae Krier's 100th
24 birthday; and

25 WHEREAS, Mae Krier was instrumental in advocating for the
26 Congressional Gold Medal to be awarded to honor all the Rosie
27 the Riveters; and

28 WHEREAS, In December 2020, President Trump signed the Rosie
29 the Riveter Congressional Gold Medal Act, which collectively
30 awards the Congressional Gold Medal to all of the women who

1 entered the workforce during World War II; and

2 WHEREAS, Mae Krier participated in designing the
3 Congressional Gold Medal produced by the United States Mint and
4 accepted the Congressional Gold Medal on behalf of all Rosie the
5 Riveters at a ceremony in the United States Capitol in
6 Washington, DC, on April 10, 2024; therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate March
8 21, 2026, as "Rosie the Riveter Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the service
11 and contributions of the millions of women who entered the
12 workforce during World War II.