## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## SENATE RESOLUTION

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## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Urging the Congress of the United States to enact legislation
- providing for no less than a 2% raise for United States
- 3 military personnel.
- WHEREAS, On August 29, 2014, President Obama notified the
- 5 Congress of the United States by executive order that he intends
- 6 to limit United States military and other United States
- 7 Department of Defense civilian pay raises in 2015 to 1%; and
- 8 WHEREAS, The pay raise mirrors last year's sequestration
- 9 process, which ended in just a 1% raise;
- 10 WHEREAS, Congress has the authority to block the proposal,
- 11 but failure to act will unilaterally implement the executive
- 12 order; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Under the National Defense Authorization Act for
- 14 Fiscal Year 2004 (Public Law 108-136, 117 Stat. 1392), all pay
- 15 raises shall be no less than the published Employment Cost Index
- 16 (ECI); and
- 17 WHEREAS, The ECI is not reported until October of this year,

- 1 60 days after President Obama's notification to Congress; and
- 2 WHEREAS, United States military personnel place their lives
- 3 on the line every day; and
- 4 WHEREAS, The Executive Committee of the American Legion,
- 5 Department of Pennsylvania supports no less than a 2% raise for
- 6 United States military personnel; therefore be it
- 7 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 8 urge the Congress of the United States to enact legislation
- 9 providing for no less than a 2% raise for United States military
- 10 personnel; and be it further
- 11 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
- 12 each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.