

## Legislation Text

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Commemorating and Celebrating The First All-Army Reunion being held on June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013, under the leadership of the Philadelphia Veterans Comfort House.

WHEREAS, The Army was established on June 14, 1775, in Philadelphia, by the Continental Congress as a unified army to fight Great Britain, with George Washington appointed as its commander; and

WHEREAS, The Philadelphia Veterans Comfort House has taken the leadership to hold The First All-Army Reunion for all United States Army Veterans in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware, on Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013, at Clark Park in West Philadelphia, from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.; and

WHEREAS, The First All-Army Reunion will emphasize United States Army traditions, history, and legacy, and feature D-Day Veterans as guests of honor; and

WHEREAS, The Reunion will give hundreds of veterans and service members a chance to reconnect, share experiences, and strengthen their ties to their service branch; and

WHEREAS, There will be delicious food in abundance, live music, celebrity emcees, information tables of veteran-related and community groups, a legacy tent, a silent auction, event merchandise, and other event activities; and

WHEREAS, There will also be friendly armed service branches competitive activities such as a “Sink the Navy” dunking booth, an Army versus Air Force hot dog-eating contest, an Army versus Navy obstacle course, and a drone flying contest; and

WHEREAS, The City of Philadelphia is grateful to its veterans and active service members who put their lives at risk to protect our freedoms, rights, and way-of-life; and

WHEREAS, The City of Philadelphia is also grateful for the leadership of the Philadelphia Veterans Comfort House, a non-profit organization that seeks to meet the needs of area veterans and provides a structured shelter to especially address the needs of homeless veterans; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Council of the City of Philadelphia, commemorates and celebrates The First All-Army Reunion being held on Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013, under the leadership of the Philadelphia Veterans Comfort House.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Philadelphia Veterans Comfort House.