

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 345 Session of 2013

INTRODUCED BY BRIGGS, M. DALEY, COHEN, DIGIROLAMO, PARKER, NEILSON, KORTZ, HENNESSEY, V. BROWN, MILLARD, CALTAGIRONE, FLECK, HAGGERTY, PAINTER, FLYNN, FREEMAN, BROWNLEE, FRANKEL, READSHAW, GINGRICH AND MAHONEY, JUNE 4, 2013

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, JUNE 4, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating September 5, 2013, as "Moment of Integration Day" in
 2 Pennsylvania, in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the
 3 integration of Lower Merion School District.

4 WHEREAS, The Ardmore Avenue School of Lower Merion School
 5 District housed both the elementary school and the high school
 6 from 1894 until 1910; and

7 WHEREAS, Lower Merion High School was dedicated in 1911; and

8 WHEREAS, Through the 1950s, the students of the Ardmore
 9 Avenue School came from the African-American community
 10 surrounding the school; and

11 WHEREAS, In 1963, Lower Merion School District made the
 12 decision to integrate its elementary schools, closed the Ardmore
 13 Avenue School and began transporting students to local
 14 elementary schools composed predominately of white students; and

15 WHEREAS, The day that the Ardmore Avenue School was closed,
 16 September 5, 1963, is recognized as a major milestone in the
 17 history of Lower Merion School District; and

1 WHEREAS, The full integration of Lower Merion School
2 District's elementary schools changed the social fabric of the
3 community and had a major impact on the lives of students,
4 parents, teachers and administrators; and

5 WHEREAS, September 2013 will mark the 50th anniversary of the
6 Ardmore Avenue School's closing; and

7 WHEREAS, As part of the commemoration of the 50th anniversary
8 of the Ardmore Avenue School, a historical site designation is
9 being pursued for the former school; therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate
11 September 5, 2013, as "Moment of Integration Day" in
12 Pennsylvania, in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the
13 integration of Lower Merion School District; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a copy of the resolution be transmitted to
15 Lower Merion School District, 301 East Montgomery Avenue,
16 Ardmore, Pennsylvania 19003.