

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 392 Session of 2013

INTRODUCED BY KORTZ, DENLINGER, VEREB, MACKENZIE, HENNESSEY, EMRICK, DIGIROLAMO, KRIEGER, O'NEILL, SCHLOSSBERG, ROSS, O'BRIEN, SONNEY, KOTIK, NEILSON, FREEMAN, FLYNN, FLECK, V. BROWN, MAHONEY, HELM, MILLARD, SAINATO, MURT, GIBBONS, D. COSTA, GODSHALL, CLYMER, MCNEILL, QUINN, HARKINS, PICKETT, HEFFLEY, PAINTER, READSHAW, SWANGER, GRELL, HAHN, CUTLER, MAJOR, EVERETT, LONGIETTI, YOUNGBLOOD, HARHART, GINGRICH, PETRI, GOODMAN, AUMENT, SABATINA, ROCK, MARSICO, BROOKS, HESS, PEIFER, MICOZZIE, KIRKLAND AND COHEN, JUNE 25, 2013

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, JUNE 25, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing June 28, 2013, as "Pennsylvania German Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Thirteen families, invited by William Penn, settled
4 in Germantown under the leadership of Francis Daniel Pastorius
5 and helped to build a fledgling nation; and

6 WHEREAS, German Americans were staunch supporters of
7 democracy and freedom of the press; and

8 WHEREAS, German Americans were instrumental in writing the
9 Declaration of Independence, so much so that the original
10 version was printed in the German language; and

11 WHEREAS, Not only did German Americans campaign for the
12 abolition of slavery, but during the Civil War when the call was
13 issued for volunteers, many German-born men quickly responded to
14 save the Union, forming regiments, including Pennsylvania-German

1 regiments; and

2 WHEREAS, Today, more than 48 million Americans, more than any
3 other ancestry, proudly claim German heritage; and

4 WHEREAS, Prominent Pennsylvanians of German heritage,
5 including Milton J. Hershey, Henry Heinz and Grace Kelly, and
6 less celebrated persons of German ancestry have contributed
7 significantly to the social, economic and religious fabric of
8 the United States; and

9 WHEREAS, All of the members of the Speaker Muhlenberg German-
10 American Caucus, named for Pennsylvanian Frederick Muhlenberg,
11 the first Speaker of the United States House of Representatives,
12 call upon the people of this Commonwealth to commemorate the
13 contributions of Pennsylvania Germans to the history and culture
14 of Pennsylvania; and

15 WHEREAS, The act of June 29, 1976 (P.L.458, No.113), provides
16 for the observance of June 28 of each year as "Pennsylvania
17 German Day" and authorizes the Governor "to issue a proclamation
18 each year calling upon the people of the Commonwealth to
19 commemorate the contributions of the Pennsylvania German people
20 to the history and culture of the Commonwealth, and to observe
21 that day with appropriate honors and ceremonies"; therefore be
22 it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize June
24 28, 2013, as "Pennsylvania German Day" in Pennsylvania and call
25 upon the citizens of this Commonwealth to observe the day with
26 appropriate ceremonies and activities.