
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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JOHNSON-HARRELL, JUNE 27, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, JUNE 27, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging President Donald Trump, the Congress of the United States
2 and United States Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin to honor
3 the pledge made to place Harriet Tubman's image on the \$20
4 bill by 2020.

5 WHEREAS, In 2015, the United States Treasury Department
6 announced a plan to place a woman on a currency note during the
7 implementation of security and anti-counterfeiting measures
8 along with the redesign process of the \$20, \$10 and \$5 bills;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, More than 1 million citizens expressed their opinion
11 and made hundreds of suggestions to then Treasury Secretary
12 Jacob J. Lew; and

13 WHEREAS, On April 20, 2016, Secretary Lew announced that the
14 women's suffrage movement would be honored on the back of the
15 redesigned \$10 bill through depictions of Lucretia Mott,
16 Sojourner Truth, Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and
17 Alice Paul for their contributions in shaping the history of
18 this country; and

1 WHEREAS, Secretary Lew added that advancement in the Civil
2 Rights Movement would focus on events at the Lincoln Memorial on
3 the back of the new \$5 bill and Harriet Tubman would appear on
4 the front of the new \$20 bill; and

5 WHEREAS, According to the Harriet Tubman Historical Society,
6 Tubman was born Araminta Ross around 1822 in Dorchester County,
7 Maryland; and

8 WHEREAS, Born into slavery, Tubman was forced to endure
9 horrible living conditions and severe beatings while being
10 forced to work under brutal and unconscionable labor conditions
11 domestically for the slave owners' families and in the fields of
12 the plantations; and

13 WHEREAS, After successfully escaping to the north through the
14 assistance of the Underground Railroad in 1849, Tubman returned
15 to the south and helped to free hundreds of slaves through the
16 Underground Railroad; and

17 WHEREAS, Tubman's persistence and bravery continued as she
18 worked for the Union Army during the Civil War as a cook, nurse,
19 scout, spy and as a leader in the women's suffrage movement; and

20 WHEREAS, Tubman remained steadfast in her efforts toward
21 freedom and equality until her death in 1913 in Auburn, New
22 York; and

23 WHEREAS, Considering the exemplary life led by this American
24 heroine, the nation overwhelmingly chose Tubman over any other
25 individual female to receive the honor of being placed on the
26 \$20 bill; and

27 WHEREAS, In honor of the 100th anniversary of the passage of
28 the 19th Amendment of the Constitution of the United States,
29 which gave women the right to vote, Secretary Mnuchin should
30 maintain the original plan and redesign schedule and release the

1 new currencies along with the added security measures in 2020;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Continued inaction by President Donald Trump and
4 Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin is unacceptable and
5 dishonorable; and

6 WHEREAS, The decade-long delay imposed by Secretary Mnuchin
7 in the implementation of these changes shows blatant disrespect
8 for the former administration and the will of the American
9 people; therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
11 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge President Donald Trump, the
12 Congress of the United States and United States Treasury
13 Secretary Steven Mnuchin to honor the pledge made to place
14 Harriet Tubman's image on the \$20 bill by 2020; and be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be sent to the
17 President of the United States, presiding officers of each house
18 of Congress, each member of Congress from Pennsylvania and
19 United States Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin.