
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 452 Session of
2019

INTRODUCED BY MILLARD, LONGIETTI, DOWLING, FRANKEL, SONNEY,
BURNS, ULLMAN, HOHENSTEIN, DONATUCCI, JAMES, ZABEL, BIZZARRO,
RYAN, HICKERNELL, PICKETT, MURT, KORTZ, WILLIAMS, DIGIROLAMO,
MERSKI, HILL-EVANS, MACKENZIE, NEILSON, MOUL, CALTAGIRONE,
KAUFER, PYLE, IRVIN, CONKLIN, SCHLEGEL CULVER, DeLUCA,
SAYLOR, GAYDOS AND SCHWEYER, SEPTEMBER 3, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT,
SEPTEMBER 3, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating Fallingwater, the Western Pennsylvania
2 Conservancy and the Frank Lloyd Wright Building Conservancy
3 on Fallingwater being named a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

4 WHEREAS, On July 7, 2019, the World Heritage Committee
5 officially inscribed "The 20th Century Architecture of Frank
6 Lloyd Wright," which includes Fallingwater and seven other major
7 architectural works of Frank Lloyd Wright, on the United Nations
8 Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) World
9 Heritage List; and

10 WHEREAS, Fallingwater, located in Mill Run, joins
11 Independence Hall in Philadelphia as Pennsylvania's second World
12 Heritage Site; and

13 WHEREAS, Fallingwater was designed in 1935 by acclaimed
14 American architect Frank Lloyd Wright as a weekend retreat for
15 the Kaufmann Family; and

16 WHEREAS, The house is now owned by the Western Pennsylvania

1 Conservancy and has been open to the public for tours since
2 1964, hosting millions of visitors; and

3 WHEREAS, Located over a waterfall on Bear Run, Fallingwater
4 is widely considered to be one of the finest private residences
5 ever built, and has been hailed as a "harmonious union of art
6 and nature"; and

7 WHEREAS, The house has been designated a National Historic
8 Landmark and a Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Treasure; and

9 WHEREAS, Fallingwater was also named the "best all-time work
10 of American architecture" in a poll of members of the American
11 Institute of Architects; and

12 WHEREAS, UNESCO considers potential World Heritage Sites
13 based on "outstanding universal value"; and

14 WHEREAS, Fallingwater is now a part of one of only 24 United
15 States inscriptions on the World Heritage List; and

16 WHEREAS, The World Heritage List nomination was spearheaded
17 by Lynda S. Waggoner, Director Emerita of Fallingwater, and the
18 Frank Lloyd Wright Building Conservancy; therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives congratulate
20 Fallingwater, the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy and the Frank
21 Lloyd Wright Building Conservancy on Fallingwater being named a
22 UNESCO World Heritage Site; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
24 the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy.