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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
JANUARY 9, 2013

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing January 17, 2013, as the 307th birthday of Benjamin  
2 Franklin.

3 WHEREAS, We celebrate the life of Benjamin Franklin, past  
4 Chief Clerk and Speaker of the Pennsylvania House of  
5 Representatives; and

6 WHEREAS, Benjamin Franklin became famous as a scientist, an  
7 inventor, a statesman, printer, philosopher, musician and  
8 philanthropist through his work for the betterment of his city,  
9 state and country; and

10 WHEREAS, Franklin had a strong belief that good citizenship  
11 included an obligation of public service; and

12 WHEREAS, In addition to signing the five founding documents  
13 of the United States, Franklin also helped in drafting two of  
14 these momentous documents, the Declaration of Independence and

1 the Constitution; and

2 WHEREAS, Franklin was interested in practical applications,  
3 which led to his invention of the lightning rod, the smokeless  
4 fireplace, the glass armonica and bifocal glasses; and

5 WHEREAS, Driven by a strong sense of civic duty, Franklin  
6 greatly involved himself in his community and founded many of  
7 America's first institutions, including the American  
8 Philosophical Society, the University of Pennsylvania, the Union  
9 Fire Company and the Library Company of Philadelphia; and

10 WHEREAS, Benjamin Franklin was one of the most extraordinary  
11 human beings the world has ever known and is often referred to  
12 as the most brilliant man of the 18th century; therefore be it  
13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize January  
14 17, 2013, as the 307th birthday of Benjamin Franklin.