
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JULY 1, 2014

A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating the 80th anniversary of the publication of the
2 *Northeast Times* in Philadelphia.

3 WHEREAS, The *Northeast Times* is a weekly publication that
4 includes local stories and a community calendar of events along
5 with photographs and advertisements from long-time contributing
6 businesses; and

7 WHEREAS, The *Northeast Times* was founded in 1934 by Richard
8 Thorpe Lawson; and

9 WHEREAS, Richard Thorpe Lawson oversaw the production of the
10 *Northeast Times* for more than 25 years until his death in 1961,
11 at which time ownership of the newspaper was transferred to his
12 wife, Eleanor; and

13 WHEREAS, Eleanor served as Chairwoman of the *Northeast Times*
14 until her death in 1998, while her sons Bob Smylie and Tim
15 Smylie from a subsequent marriage served as Publisher and
16 Advertising Director, respectively; and

17 WHEREAS, For many years, the *Northeast Times'* administrative
18 offices were a well-known fixture in the north Philadelphia

1 community with offices at 8033 Frankford Avenue in Holmesburg
2 and at the Smylie Times Building at Rhawn Street and Roosevelt
3 Boulevard; and

4 WHEREAS, During the 1980s, the *Northeast Times* expanded to
5 Somerton, Bustleton, Lawndale, Parkwood and Oxford Circle; and

6 WHEREAS, Philadelphia Newspapers, Inc., purchased the
7 *Northeast Times* in 1999 and oversaw production of the newspaper
8 for more than a decade; and

9 WHEREAS, Today the *Northeast Times* is published by Broad
10 Street Media, LLC in Philadelphia, who under the direction of
11 Chief Executive Officer Darwin Oordt and Publisher Perry
12 Corsetti, produces the periodical every Wednesday; and

13 WHEREAS, The *Northeast Times* has been recognized numerous
14 times for its outstanding community coverage, earning awards for
15 its work in sports media and photojournalism; and

16 WHEREAS, The *Northeast Times* has six editions and a weekly
17 circulation of approximately 111,000, almost all of which are
18 delivered directly to the doorsteps of its readers free of
19 charge; and

20 WHEREAS, The *Northeast Times* also publishes content online
21 and through social media outlets; and

22 WHEREAS, The *Northeast Times* partners with the Eleanor Smylie
23 Community Fund in an annual effort to provide needy families in
24 the community with gift cards to local department stores and
25 grocery stores during the holiday season, thanks to monetary
26 donations from contributing readers; therefore be it

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commemorate the
28 *Northeast Times* on the 80th anniversary of publication.