
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
SEPTEMBER 17, 2007

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of September 16 through 22, 2007, as
2 "Pennsylvania Cable Heritage Week."

3 WHEREAS, Cable technology and today's cable industry began in
4 the valleys of eastern Pennsylvania 60 years ago; and

5 WHEREAS, The rapid growth of entrepreneurial cable operators
6 in all corners of this Commonwealth provided Pennsylvanians with
7 cable television service in advance of consumers in most other
8 states; and

9 WHEREAS, Independent, family-owned cable operators in this
10 Commonwealth continue to outnumber operators in other states,
11 joining with multiple-system operators to serve 3.6 million
12 Pennsylvanians with communications and entertainment services;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's cable operators employ more than

1 11,000 Pennsylvanians while providing free services to 2,500
2 primary and secondary schools and hundreds of community
3 establishments; and

4 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's first widespread deployment of
5 broadband services came from the cable operators, who continue
6 to serve all municipalities and neighborhoods regardless of
7 income or social status; and

8 WHEREAS, The industry's trade association in Pennsylvania,
9 launched 50 years ago as the nation's first State society
10 representing cable operators, began as the Pennsylvania
11 Community Antenna Television Association; and

12 WHEREAS, The association's members developed and deployed
13 evolving telecommunications technology for Pennsylvanians,
14 leading to one of the State's first broadband entities; and

15 WHEREAS, The Broadband Cable Association of Pennsylvania is
16 holding Cable Heritage 2007 during its golden anniversary year
17 in Bethlehem, home of Service Electric, widely acknowledged to
18 be the nation's first cable operator; therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
20 week of September 16 through 22, 2007, as "Pennsylvania Cable
21 Heritage Week" to recognize the outstanding contributions and
22 commitment of cable operators, suppliers and programmers serving
23 the Keystone State and the half-century of support provided by
24 the Broadband Cable Association of Pennsylvania.