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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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In the House of Representatives, May 18, 1976

1       WHEREAS, Through the vision, solicitude and courage of  
2 William Penn the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania was brought into  
3 being; and

4       WHEREAS, He invited peoples of diverse nationalities and  
5 creeds to join with him in a "Holy Experiment" where men might  
6 worship God according to their own light; and

7       WHEREAS, His own prayers were that Pennsylvania might become  
8 "the seed of a Nation"; and

9       WHEREAS, The Declaration of Independence and the Constitution  
10 of the United States were adopted in Philadelphia, and this  
11 Nation was there established; and

12       WHEREAS, In his declining years he feared he would be  
13 forgotten in the Province upon which he lavished so much  
14 affection; and

15       WHEREAS, The people of Pennsylvania, in every generation, owe  
16 a debt of lasting gratitude to the said William Penn; therefore  
17 be it

18       RESOLVED (the Senate concurring), That in this two hundredth

1 year of Independence the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of  
2 Pennsylvania do record this expression of appreciation,  
3 affection and admiration for the Founder of this Commonwealth,  
4 the Honorable William Penn; and be it further

5       RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be signed by all  
6 members of the General Assembly who wish to subscribe thereto,  
7 and one copy be transmitted to the United States Ambassador to  
8 Great Britain with the request that she cause it to be delivered  
9 to the official of the Jordan's Friend's Meeting House,  
10 Buckinghamshire, England, where William Penn is buried; and  
11 another copy be transmitted to the Historical and Museum  
12 Commission for permanent display at Pennsbury.