

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY SALVATORE, JUNE 30, 1983

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, JULY 1, 1983

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating the Philadelphia law firm of Rawle and Henderson,
2 celebrating its 200th Anniversary in 1983.

3 WHEREAS, The present law firm of Rawle and Henderson traces
4 its roots to the Rawle Law Office founded in Philadelphia in
5 1783 and is thereby recognized as the oldest law office in
6 continuous practice in America; and

7 WHEREAS, Francis Rawle, the first of the Philadelphia line,
8 wrote the first book printed by Benjamin Franklin and his son,
9 Francis, handled the legal affairs of the Penn family; and

10 WHEREAS, Two generations later, William Rawle served as the
11 attorney for the United States District of Pennsylvania, through
12 an appointment by President George Washington. William was also
13 one of the founders of the Philadelphia Bar Association and was
14 its first Chancellor; and

15 WHEREAS, William Rawle helped to found the Historical Society
16 and the "Law Library Company," which later became the "Law
17 Association"; and

1 WHEREAS, Francis Rawle was a founder and first treasurer of
2 the American Bar Association in 1878. He was president in 1902;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, A partner of the law firm, Joseph W. Henderson, in
5 1943, was elected president of the American Bar Association and
6 was also instrumental in expanding the firm's practice into
7 maritime law; and

8 WHEREAS, The law firm of Rawle and Henderson has established
9 an excellent reputation for service to the community in all
10 matters relating to maritime, admiralty, commercial litigation,
11 corporate representation and the general practice of law at
12 every level of the local, State and Federal courts; therefore be
13 it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives congratulate the
15 law firm of Rawle and Henderson on its 200th Anniversary and
16 commend this distinguished firm for efforts in upholding and
17 enhancing the image of the legal profession; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
19 the law firm of Rawle and Henderson.