
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 25

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INTRODUCED BY STABACK, JAROLIN, BLAUM, DOMBROWSKI, HASAY,
KOSINSKI, MARKOSEK, MAYERNIK, LEVDANSKY, DAWIDA, SEVENTY,
MICHLOVIC, TELEK, MRKONIC, KASUNIC, HALUSKA, GRUITZA, RYBAK,
LUCYK, WAMBACH, BELARDI AND TIGUE, FEBRUARY 10, 1987

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, FEBRUARY 11, 1987

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 Memorializing Congress to recognize the achievements of the
2 brilliant inventor Father Joseph Murgas of Wilkes-Barre,
3 Pennsylvania; and urging the United States Postal Service to
4 issue a stamp commemorating Slovak heritage and carrying the
5 likeness of Father Murgas.

6 WHEREAS, The Slovak-Americans are the second largest Slavic
7 ethnic group in the United States; and

8 WHEREAS, Slovaks came to the United States to escape cruel
9 oppression and religious persecution, and worked long and hard
10 in some of our most important industries such as steel and coal
11 mining, helping to build America into a great industrial power;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Slovak-Americans have played significant roles in
14 American history; and

15 WHEREAS, Father Joseph Murgas, pastor of the Sacred Heart
16 Slovak Church, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, for 35 years in the
17 early part of this century, is an excellent example of a Slovak-
18 American who made a major contribution, not only in the

1 development of the United States, but to world history, as well;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Father Murgas, who was born February 17, 1864, in
4 Slovakia and died May 11, 1929, in Wilkes-Barre, is considered
5 by many to be the co-inventor with Marconi of the modern radio;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Father Murgas conducted one of the first successful
8 transmissions of a message by wireless on November 23, 1905, in
9 Wilkes-Barre; and

10 WHEREAS, The Wilkes-Barre Murgas Amateur Radio Club reenacted
11 that successful transmission on the 80th Anniversary of the
12 event, November 23, 1985; and

13 WHEREAS, The United States Postal Service has honored
14 numerous groups and individuals for their contributions to the
15 United States; therefore be it

16 RESOLVED (the Senate concurring), That the General Assembly
17 of Pennsylvania memorialize Congress to recognize the
18 achievements of the brilliant inventor Father Joseph Murgas of
19 Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania by urging the United States Postal
20 Service to issue a stamp commemorating Slovak heritage and
21 carrying the likeness of Father Murgas; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
23 the President of the United States, to the presiding officers of
24 each house of Congress, to each member of Congress from
25 Pennsylvania, to the Postmaster General of the United States and
26 to the Chairman of the Citizen Stamp Advisory Committee of the
27 United States Postal Service.