

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 227

Session of
1988

INTRODUCED BY LANGTRY, BOOK, McVERRY, FARMER, CORNELL, CESSAR
AND BOWSER, FEBRUARY 8, 1988

ADOPTED, FEBRUARY 8, 1988

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating February 16, 1988, as "Elks American Patriotism Day"
2 in celebration of the Elks' 120th Anniversary.

3 WHEREAS, The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is one
4 of the oldest and largest fraternal organizations in the United
5 States, having held its first formal meeting on February 16,
6 1868, in New York City; and

7 WHEREAS, The Elks, whose hallmark is patriotism, became the
8 first organization to observe June 14 as Flag Day; and

9 WHEREAS, More than 40 years later, fellow Elk, President
10 Harry S. Truman, signed an order proclaiming Flag Day as an
11 official national holiday; and

12 WHEREAS, The Elks, in the interest of education, have awarded
13 scholarships to more than 500 outstanding high school students
14 and emergency educational grants to needy students; and

15 WHEREAS, The Elks, being a civic-minded organization,
16 contributed more than \$26,000,000 to support cerebral palsy
17 research, veterans' hospitals, retarded child care and other

1 services to aid the handicapped; and

2 WHEREAS, On February 16, 1988, the objective of the Elks is
3 to have the red, white and blue colors of the American flag
4 displayed by everyone; therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
6 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania designate February 16, 1988, as
7 "Elks American Patriotism Day" in celebration of the 120th
8 Anniversary of this venerable organization; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
10 Robert H. Stanley, Past Exalted Ruler of the Pittsburgh South
11 Hills Lodge No. 2213, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks,
12 Pennsylvania Elks All American Lodge 1984-1985.