

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 283

Session of
1988

INTRODUCED BY WAMBACH, MILLER, CALTAGIRONE, McCALL, LLOYD,
DININNI, MANMILLER, PICCOLA, RITTER, RUDY, LEH, HERSHEY,
ANGSTADT, ROBBINS, JADLOWIEC AND GRUITZA, MAY 16, 1988

ADOPTED, MAY 16, 1988

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of May 7 through 15, 1988, as "See
2 Pennsylvania's Covered Bridges Week."

3 WHEREAS, This year begins the 20th anniversary year of the
4 signing of the act of May 9, 1969 (P.L.35, No.12), entitled "An
5 act providing for annual observance of 'See Pennsylvania's
6 Covered Bridges' Week," which proclaimed the week beginning on
7 the first Saturday after the first Sunday in May as "See
8 Pennsylvania's Covered Bridges" Week in this Commonwealth as an
9 annual event; and

10 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania holds the distinct honor of housing
11 nearly 25% of the remaining 1,000 covered bridges in the United
12 States; and

13 WHEREAS, The Theodore Burr Covered Bridge Society of
14 Pennsylvania, Incorporated, has been in the forefront of
15 increasing public awareness of the beauty and the need to
16 preserve the craftsmanship of these engineering wonders. The
17 society has also worked to prevent the thoughtless destruction

1 of the remaining covered bridges in Pennsylvania; and

2 WHEREAS, The society was named after Theodore Burr, an
3 ingenious structural engineer who concentrated his talents of
4 bridge building, who developed the counter-stressed timber
5 "truss" that quite literally became the design of the hundreds
6 of wooden covered bridges Americans built in the early and mid-
7 1800's to carry roadways across the large and small waterways
8 that laced and interlaced this land; therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
10 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania join with the Governor and, in
11 accordance with the 20th anniversary year of the act of May 9,
12 1969 (P.L.35, No.12), entitled "An act providing for annual
13 observance of 'See Pennsylvania's Covered Bridges' Week,"
14 proclaim the week of May 7 through 15, 1988, as "See
15 Pennsylvania's Covered Bridges Week" and extend its best wishes
16 to the Theodore Burr Covered Bridge Society of Pennsylvania,
17 Incorporated, for its continued efforts to both preserve these
18 great structures and to inform the general population of the
19 cultural, aesthetic and historical value of covered bridges.