## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 99 Session of 1999

INTRODUCED BY HASAY, CALTAGIRONE, ALLEN, ARGALL, BAKER, BUNT, CAPPABIANCA, CHADWICK, CLARK, CORRIGAN, DAILEY, DALEY, DEMPSEY, EGOLF, FAIRCHILD, FARGO, FICHTER, FLEAGLE, FLICK, GIGLIOTTI, GORDNER, HALUSKA, HARHART, HERMAN, HERSHEY, JAMES, JOSEPHS, KENNEY, LESCOVITZ, MANDERINO, MARKOSEK, MASLAND, McCALL, McILHINNEY, McNAUGHTON, MELIO, MUNDY, MYERS, NAILOR, ORIE, PESCI, PETRONE, PHILLIPS, PIPPY, PRESTON, READSHAW, ROONEY, ROSS, RUBLEY, SAINATO, SANTONI, SEMMEL, SEYFERT, SHANER, STABACK, STETLER, THOMAS, TIGUE, TRAVAGLIO, TRUE, WILT, WOJNAROSKI, WRIGHT, ZIMMERMAN AND ZUG, MARCH 24, 1999

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MARCH 24, 1999

## A RESOLUTION

Designating April 18 through 24, 1999, as "Community Banking 1 2 Week" in Pennsylvania. 3 WHEREAS, For more than 150 years, Pennsylvania's community 4 financial institutions have provided the local support our 5 communities need to prosper and grow. Today, more than 400 community banks in this Commonwealth continue the tradition of 6 giving back to their local communities through nearly 2,000 7 8 banking offices. With more than \$90 billion in assets, community 9 banks know that when money stays in town it becomes a renewable 10 resource, creating an economic cycle that constantly revitalizes 11 and stimulates local communities. Community banks are working 12 citizens in their communities in every sense of the word with more than 30,000 full-time and part-time employees; and 13

1 WHEREAS, These banks have made significant contributions to 2 the economic well-being of Pennsylvania through their financial 3 support, their dedication as good neighbors and, above all, 4 their service as financially sound and reliable sources of 5 economic lifeblood in our communities; and 6 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's community banks focus on the 7 prosperity of individuals and small businesses in their

8 hometowns. Community banks have reinvested, on average, 95% of

9 their loan portfolio in their own communities through

10 residential mortgages and commercial, agricultural and student

11 loans; and

12 WHEREAS, Community banks play a significant role in local 13 economic development efforts, stimulating the economy to produce 14 jobs and new opportunities and, as a group, they contribute an 15 important and strong part of the State's economic fabric; and 16 WHEREAS, Community banks also enjoy the trust of their 17 customers. Indeed, neighbors are helping neighbors build their 18 homes, save for higher education, plan for retirement and 19 fulfill other dreams. Community banks have long helped in the 20 development of our communities and the State as a whole, and we 21 look forward to many more contributions; therefore be it 22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives hereby designate April 18 through 24, 1999, as "Community Banking Week" in 23 Pennsylvania with heartfelt appreciation for the contributions 24 25 of these helpful institutions; and be it further 26 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to 27 the organizers of this observance as evidence of our sincere 28 appreciation.

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