

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MARCH 26, 2002

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the National Park Service to erect a commemorative plaque
2 in recognition of the history of the slave quarters located
3 on the site of the planned Liberty Bell Pavilion.

4 WHEREAS, A portion of the proposed location of the planned
5 Liberty Bell Pavilion in Philadelphia is located on the historic
6 site of the residence of United States Presidents George
7 Washington and John Adams prior to the construction of the White
8 House in Washington, D.C.; and

9 WHEREAS, This property, referred to as the President's House,
10 included other complexes such as slave quarters and icehouses;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, The land previously occupied by the slave quarters
13 will be partially covered by the newly built facility; and

14 WHEREAS, The Liberty Bell is recognized as a symbol of the
15 American Revolution; and

16 WHEREAS, The Liberty Bell became famous when abolitionists
17 fighting to rid the nation of slavery adopted it as their

1 symbol; and

2 WHEREAS, The inscription on the Liberty Bell became the rally
3 cry for opponents of slavery; and

4 WHEREAS, It is important to maintain a permanent
5 acknowledgment of the rich history of the affected area,
6 especially the history associated with the slave quarters;
7 therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
9 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the National Park Service to
10 facilitate the placement of a permanent commemorative plaque
11 recognizing the site of the slave quarters and to work for
12 continuing recognition of this historic site; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
14 the President of the United States, the National Park Service,
15 the United States Senate, the presiding officers of each house
16 of Congress, each member of Congress from Pennsylvania and the
17 Mayor of the City of Philadelphia.