
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JUNE 4, 2002

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the anniversary of the observance of Flag Day as a
2 national holiday and honoring Collier Township, Allegheny
3 County, for its role in the history of Flag Day.

4 WHEREAS, This year our great nation commemorates the
5 anniversary of Flag Day; and

6 WHEREAS, William Kerr, the individual responsible for the
7 origination of Flag Day, was a resident of Collier Township,
8 Allegheny County, from 1911 to 1928 and lived in the Rennerdale
9 section; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1888 Mr. Kerr established the American Flag Day
11 Association of Western Pennsylvania for the purpose of making

1 Flag Day a State, and subsequently national, holiday; and

2 WHEREAS, In 1889 the national organization was chartered and
3 Mr. Kerr devoted his energies to loyally serving as its
4 president for 50 years; and

5 WHEREAS, In the early 1900s Pittsburgh began memorializing
6 Flag Week from June 8 through 14; and

7 WHEREAS, In 1916 President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed that on
8 June 14 Flag Day should be celebrated; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1949 the Congress of the United States proclaimed
10 Flag Day as a national holiday on June 14 of each year; and

11 WHEREAS, On August 3, 1949, President Truman signed the Flag
12 Day bill with Mr. Kerr in attendance; and

13 WHEREAS, The Congress called upon officials to urge the
14 people of the nation to observe the day as the anniversary of
15 the adoption on June 14, 1777, by the Continental Congress of
16 the Stars and Stripes as the official flag of the United States;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth encourages all of its citizens to
19 pay tribute to and honor the flag of the United States as a
20 symbol of freedom, liberty and justice throughout the world and
21 to remember the dedication, sacrifices and hardships which have
22 been made by generations of Americans in support and defense of
23 those ideals; therefore be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge the citizens
25 of this Commonwealth to proudly display the flag of the United
26 States on Flag Day June 14, 2002, and every day of the year to
27 show support and appreciation for the individual rights and
28 freedoms we as United States citizens enjoy in a democratic
29 society; and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the

1 vital importance of Flag Day in affirming the character and
2 conscience of our nation; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage all its
4 members to actively promote the celebration of Flag Day in their
5 respective districts and the need for devotion to the United
6 States of America and the ideals for which the Stars and Stripes
7 stand; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
9 anniversary of the observance of Flag Day and honor Collier
10 Township, Allegheny County, for its role in the history of Flag
11 Day.