
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 713 Session of
2002

INTRODUCED BY FORCIER, HUTCHINSON, ARGALL, BEBKO-JONES,
CALTAGIRONE, COLAFELLA, CORRIGAN, CREIGHTON, DALEY, J. EVANS,
FREEMAN, GABIG, GEIST, GEORGE, HARHART, HARPER, HENNESSEY,
HERMAN, HERSHEY, HESS, JAMES, JOSEPHS, LAUGHLIN, LEH, MAJOR,
McNAUGHTON, MELIO, MYERS, PIPPY, PISTELLA, READSHAW, ROBERTS,
ROHRER, ROSS, RUBLEY, SATHER, SCHRODER, SHANER, B. SMITH,
STABACK, TURZAI, WALKO, WATSON, WILT, WOJNAROSKI, G. WRIGHT
AND YOUNGBLOOD, OCTOBER 22, 2002

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
OCTOBER 22, 2002

A RESOLUTION

1 Declaring November 2, 2002, as "Ida Tarbell Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Ida Minerva Tarbell was born on November 5, 1857, in
4 a log home on her maternal grandfather's farm located in
5 northwest Pennsylvania; and

6 WHEREAS, Ida Tarbell was raised in Titusville during the
7 1860s when the oil industry was developing and flourishing; and

8 WHEREAS, Ida Tarbell was one of the first women to enter
9 Allegheny College in the fall of 1876; and

10 WHEREAS, Ida Tarbell authored 23 major books, including "The
11 History of the Standard Oil Company" and nine books about
12 Abraham Lincoln; and

13 WHEREAS, Ida Tarbell was a historian and journalist in search
14 of documented facts and not the advocate of a cause or a

1 reformer; and

2 WHEREAS, Ida Tarbell, arguably the premier journalist of her
3 generation, was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame
4 in Seneca Falls, New York, on October 7, 2000; and

5 WHEREAS, Ida Tarbell pioneered historical research and set
6 standards which professionals today strive to emulate; and

7 WHEREAS, Ida Tarbell died of pneumonia on January 6, 1944,
8 and was buried at the family plot in Woodlawn Cemetery in
9 Titusville; and

10 WHEREAS, Ida Tarbell's passion for truth and knowledge is an
11 enduring legacy for the citizens of this Commonwealth and
12 deserves special recognition; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives declare November
14 2, 2002, as "Ida Tarbell Day" in Pennsylvania.