
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 232 Session of
2003

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APRIL 29, 2003

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 29, 2003

A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating the 100th anniversary of Harley-Davidson.

2 WHEREAS, Bill Harley and Art Davidson introduced the first
3 production Harley-Davidson motorcycle in 1903; and

4 WHEREAS, Harley-Davidson grew to become the world's largest
5 motorcycle company in 1920, with nearly 2,000 dealers around the
6 globe; and

7 WHEREAS, Even with slumping sales during the Depression,
8 company officials kept as many employees at work as possible;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Harley-Davidson made a significant contribution to

1 the Allies' war effort in both World Wars, providing 20,000
2 motorcycles during World War I and 89,000 during World War II;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, In 1973 all assembly operations moved to the York,
5 Pennsylvania, facility, which employs more than 3,000 people and
6 is Harley-Davidson's largest manufacturing plant; and

7 WHEREAS, Harley-Davidson survived many tumultuous years,
8 finally being purchased by a group of 13 of its own executives
9 in 1981; and

10 WHEREAS, The company effected an amazing turnaround,
11 producing 30,000 motorcycles in 1983 and more than 65,000
12 motorcycles in 1991; and

13 WHEREAS, Harley-Davidson has continued its success, posting
14 17 consecutive years of record growth and profits and shipping
15 more than 234,000 motorcycles in 2001; and

16 WHEREAS, The company has recently announced its intention to
17 invest \$145 million in a new manufacturing plant in York,
18 Pennsylvania; therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commemorate the
20 100th anniversary of Harley-Davidson and congratulate the
21 company on its outstanding achievements throughout the years.