
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 576 Session of
2008

INTRODUCED BY STURLA, BOYD, CREIGHTON, CUTLER, HICKERNELL, TRUE, ARGALL, BEAR, BEYER, BIANCUCCI, BISHOP, BRENNAN, CALTAGIRONE, CLYMER, COHEN, CONKLIN, DALEY, DeLUCA, DePASQUALE, DiGIROLAMO, DONATUCCI, D. EVANS, EVERETT, FAIRCHILD, FLECK, FRANKEL, FREEMAN, GALLOWAY, GEIST, GEORGE, GIBBONS, GINGRICH, GOODMAN, GRUCELA, HARKINS, HERSHEY, HESS, JAMES, KILLION, KORTZ, KOTIK, KULA, MAHONEY, MAJOR, MANN, MANTZ, MARSICO, McILHATTAN, MELIO, MICOZZIE, MILLARD, MILNE, MOUL, MOYER, MURT, MUSTIO, MYERS, D. O'BRIEN, O'NEILL, PALLONE, PARKER, PHILLIPS, RAMALEY, RAPP, READSHAW, ROEBUCK, ROSS, SAINATO, SAYLOR, SCAVELLO, SIPTROTH, K. SMITH, SONNEY, SURRA, SWANGER, VULAKOVICH, WALKO, J. WHITE, WOJNAROSKI, YOUNGBLOOD AND REICHLEY, FEBRUARY 4, 2008

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
FEBRUARY 4, 2008

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating April 4, 2008, as "Thaddeus Stevens Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Thaddeus Stevens, a prominent figure in the 19th
4 century history of Pennsylvania and the United States, was born
5 in Vermont on April 4, 1792; and

6 WHEREAS, Stevens lived most of his life in Pennsylvania,
7 teaching, practicing law and serving in the Pennsylvania
8 Legislature from 1833 to 1841 and representing Pennsylvanians in
9 Congress from 1849 to 1853 and again from 1858 until his death
10 in 1868; and

11 WHEREAS, Stevens notably fought for the preservation of
12 public education in Pennsylvania, for emancipation of the

1 slaves, for passage of the 14th Amendment to the Constitution of
2 the United States and for Reconstruction of the South after the
3 Civil War; and

4 WHEREAS, Stevens directed that, upon his death, he be buried
5 in an integrated cemetery in the City of Lancaster with this
6 self-composed epitaph on his grave marker: "I have chosen this
7 that I might illustrate in my death the principles which I
8 advocated through a long life, Equality of Man before his
9 Creator"; and

10 WHEREAS, Stevens left a generous bequest upon his death on
11 August 11, 1868, to establish a school for the relief and refuge
12 of homeless, indigent orphans; and

13 WHEREAS, This bequest evolved to form the Thaddeus Stevens
14 College of Technology, founded to provide solid industrial
15 education to all Pennsylvania citizens regardless of race or
16 color and is a living monument to the life of Thaddeus Stevens;
17 therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commemorate the
19 anniversary of the birth of this remarkable man by designating
20 April 4, 2008, as "Thaddeus Stevens Day" in Pennsylvania.