

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 336 Session of
2009

INTRODUCED BY MENSCH, R. TAYLOR, ADOLPH, BEAR, BRADFORD,
BRENNAN, BRIGGS, CLYMER, CUTLER, DENLINGER, DIGIROLAMO,
FLECK, FREEMAN, GABLER, GEIST, GEORGE, GODSHALL, GOODMAN,
GROVE, GRUCELA, HELM, HENNESSEY, HESS, HORNAMAN, HOUGHTON,
KORTZ, KOTIK, KRIEGER, LENTZ, MARKOSEK, MCILVAINE SMITH,
METCALFE, MILLER, MOUL, MUNDY, MURPHY, OBERLANDER,
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QUINN, REICHLEY, ROHRER, SAINATO, SANTONI, SAYLOR, SCAVELLO,
SCHRODER, SEIP, SWANGER, VEREB, WALKO, YOUNGBLOOD AND
VULAKOVICH, JUNE 22, 2009

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, JUNE
22, 2009

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing June 28, 2009, as "German-American Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Thirteen families, invited by William Penn, settled
4 in Germantown under the leadership of Francis Daniel Pastorius
5 and helped to build a fledgling nation; and

6 WHEREAS, German Americans were staunch supporters of
7 democracy and freedom of the press; and

8 WHEREAS, German Americans were instrumental in writing the
9 Declaration of Independence, so much so that the original
10 version was printed in the German language; and

11 WHEREAS, Not only did German Americans campaign for the
12 abolition of slavery, but during the Civil War when the call was
13 issued for volunteers, many German-born men quickly responded to

1 save the Union, forming regiments, including Pennsylvania-German
2 regiments; and

3 WHEREAS, Today, 50,764,352 Americans, more than any other
4 ancestry, proudly claim German heritage; and

5 WHEREAS, Prominent Pennsylvanians of German heritage,
6 including Milton J. Hershey, Henry Heinz and Grace Kelly, and
7 less celebrated persons of German ancestry have contributed
8 significantly to the social, economic and religious fabric of
9 the United States; and

10 WHEREAS, All of the members of the Speaker Muhlenberg German-
11 American Caucus, named for Pennsylvanian Frederick Muhlenberg,
12 the first Speaker of the United States House of Representatives,
13 call upon the people of this Commonwealth to commemorate the
14 contributions of Pennsylvania Germans to the history and culture
15 of Pennsylvania; and

16 WHEREAS, The act of June 29, 1976 (P.L.458, No.113), provides
17 for the observance of June 28 of each year as "Pennsylvania
18 German Day" and authorizes the Governor "to issue a proclamation
19 each year calling upon the people of the Commonwealth to
20 commemorate the contributions of the Pennsylvania German people
21 to the history and culture of the Commonwealth, and to observe
22 that day with appropriate honors and ceremonies"; therefore be
23 it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize June
25 28, 2009, as "German-American Day" in Pennsylvania and call upon
26 the citizens of this Commonwealth to observe the day with
27 appropriate ceremonies and activities.