

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, APRIL  
25, 2011

## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating May 15, 2011, as "Slovak Catholic Federation Day" in  
2 Pennsylvania in honor of the organization's 100th  
3 anniversary.

4 WHEREAS, On February 11, 1911, Jozef Murgas, pastor of the  
5 Sacred Heart of Jesus Slovak Church in Wilkes-Barre,  
6 Pennsylvania, in the Diocese of Scranton, founded the Slovak  
7 Catholic Federation; and

8 WHEREAS, The following goals guide the pastoral work and  
9 ministry of the Slovak Catholic Federation:

10 (1) Promote the Slovak Catholic heritage and its  
11 awareness among Slovak Catholics in the United States.

12 (2) Continue the apostolic tradition of Saints Cyril and  
13 Methodius by promoting the proclamation of the Gospel through  
14 the works of faith, charity, education and pilgrimage.

15 (3) Establish and maintain the bonds of fraternal

1 cooperation among Slovak Catholic societies and Slovak  
2 Catholics in the United States, and to foster such bonds by  
3 the promotion and sponsorship of religious and social  
4 activities.

5 (4) Support vocations to the ordained ministry and  
6 religious life both in the United States and Slovakia.

7 (5) Assist the Catholic Church in the Slovak Republic,  
8 primarily by supporting the Pontifical College of Saints  
9 Cyril and Methodius in Rome, Italy, and by rendering  
10 financial support for the formation of both for the clergy  
11 and those religious.

12 (6) Maintain structures that foster gatherings of Slovak  
13 Catholics in various areas of the United States;

14 and

15 WHEREAS, The Slovak Catholic Federation in Clarks Summit,  
16 Pennsylvania, will celebrate its Centennial Liturgy of  
17 Thanksgiving on Sunday, May 15, 2011, in the Cathedral Church of  
18 Saint Peter in Scranton, Pennsylvania, with the Most Rev. Joseph  
19 C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, presiding along  
20 with the Most Rev. Joseph C. Adamec, D.D., S.T.L., Episcopal  
21 Moderator of the Slovak Catholic Federation and the Rev. Philip  
22 A. Altavilla, V.E., serving as homilist; therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate May 15,  
24 2011, as "Slovak Catholic Federation Day" in Pennsylvania; and  
25 be it further

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives congratulate the  
27 Slovak Catholic Federation upon the centennial anniversary of  
28 its founding and wish the organization and its members many more  
29 successful years.