

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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DELOZIER, MARCH 10, 2016

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MARCH 10, 2016

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating March 25, 2016, as "Greek Independence Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The ancient Greeks developed democracy, in which the
4 power to govern was vested in the people, and the founding
5 fathers of the United States drew upon the experience and
6 philosophy of ancient Greece in forming its representative
7 democracy; and

8 WHEREAS, Many Americans fought alongside the Greeks in their
9 fight for independence, and Greece has been allied with this
10 nation in every major international conflict in the 20th
11 century; and

12 WHEREAS, Sir Winston Churchill said of the Greeks, "Hence, we
13 will not say that Greeks fight like heroes, but that heroes
14 fight like Greeks"; and

15 WHEREAS, Greece and the United States are at the forefront of

1 the worldwide effort to promote freedom, democracy, peace,
2 stability and human rights, ideals which have forged a close
3 bond between our nations; and

4 WHEREAS, Approximately 3 million proud Greek Americans have
5 established an enduring bridge between the United States and
6 Greece, remaining connected to their heritage and passing their
7 traditions on to new generations; and

8 WHEREAS, Greek Americans in this Commonwealth have played a
9 significant role in the economic, cultural and social
10 development of this Commonwealth; therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate March
12 25, 2016, as "Greek Independence Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it
13 further

14 RESOLVED, That all citizens recognize the struggles of the
15 Greek people for freedom in their homeland and reflect upon the
16 importance of self-determination for all the people of the
17 world.