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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the 170th anniversary of the 1845 novel *Narrative of*
2 *the Life of Frederick Douglass, An American Slave, Written by*
3 *Himself*.

4 WHEREAS, *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, An*
5 *American Slave, Written by Himself* is the first of a trilogy of
6 autobiographical writings, which also includes *My Bondage and My*
7 *Freedom*, published in 1855 and *The Life and Times of Frederick*
8 *Douglass*, published in 1881; and

9 WHEREAS, The author of all three autobiographies, Frederick
10 Douglass, escaped from slavery, helped other slaves to their
11 freedom through the Underground Railroad and became
12 internationally renown for his eloquence in the cause of
13 liberty; and

14 WHEREAS, All three autobiographies describe the system of
15 chattel slavery and Douglass' rejection of its premise that he,
16 like other slaves, was not a human being; and

17 WHEREAS, All three of Douglass' autobiographies, in their
18 portrayals of brutal violence and brilliant resistance, present
19 the historic conflict between freedom and slavery through his

1 indomitable voice of hope and spirit of liberty; therefore be it
2 RESOLVED, That the Senate of Pennsylvania recognize the 170th
3 anniversary of the 1845 novel *Narrative of the Life of Frederick*
4 *Douglass, An American Slave, Written by Himself.*