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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The House convened at 11 a.m., e.d.t.

THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE
(MATTHEW E. BAKER) PRESIDING

PRAYER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The prayer will be offered by Pastor Jeff Goodman, Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church, Ephrata.

Welcome, Reverend. Members and all guests, please rise. They are already up. Welcome.

PASTOR JEFFREY H. GOODMAN, Guest Chaplain of the House of Representatives, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray:

Lord God, You have blessed our Commonwealth with great abundance and many gifts.

You have called forth men and women to lead our Commonwealth in these challenging times. Bless these elected members, their families, staffs, and constituents in a special way this day in order that they may continue to reach for the highest, noblest, and greatest benefits for this Commonwealth.

Make them ever mindful of those who are on the margins of our society, especially the unborn, the disabled, the poor, and the elderly.

Shape us to be a people of compassion, mercy, and justice. Guide this Commonwealth to be a city set on a hill for all the world to see, that the vision of William Penn’s colony as a place of religious freedom, tolerance, and liberty will never darken.

I make this prayer holding in respect all other faith traditions in the name of Christ. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by members and visitors.)

JOURNAL APPROVAL POSTPONED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the approval of the Journal of Monday, May 13, 2013, will be postponed until printed.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair would like to observe the pastor’s birthday today. Happy birthday, Pastor.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES, CONSIDERED FIRST TIME, AND TABLED

HB 26, PN 1795 (Amended)  By Rep. SCAVELLO

An Act amending the act of December 5, 1936 (2nd Sp.Sess., 1937 P.L.2897, No.1), known as the Unemployment Compensation Law, further providing for contributions by employees; establishing the Service and Infrastructure Improvement Fund; and further providing for the Unemployment Compensation Fund.

LABOR AND INDUSTRY.

HB 1067, PN 1294  By Rep. BENNINGHOFF

An Act amending the act of June 27, 2006 (1st Sp.Sess., P.L.1873, No.1), known as the Taxpayer Relief Act, in senior citizens property tax and rent rebate assistance, further providing for definitions.

FINANCE.

HB 1157, PN 1796 (Amended)  By Rep. BENNINGHOFF

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in personal income tax, further providing for operational provisions; and providing for an income tax checkoff to provide funding for the Children's Trust Fund.

FINANCE.

HB 1171, PN 1470  By Rep. BENNINGHOFF


FINANCE.

HB 1359, PN 1754  By Rep. BENNINGHOFF

An Act amending the act of July 6, 1995 (P.L.320, No.49), entitled "An act amending the act of May 17, 1929 (P.L.1798, No.591), entitled 'An act providing a fixed charge, payable by the Commonwealth, on lands acquired by the State and the Federal Government for forest reserves, or for the purpose of preserving and perpetuating a portion of the original forests of Pennsylvania, and preserving and maintaining..."
the same as public places and parks; and the distribution of the same for county, school, township, and road purposes in the counties, school districts, and townships where such forests are located; and making an appropriation,' increasing the amount paid by the Commonwealth; and providing for an annual charge for tax-exempt lands," further providing for an annual charge for tax-exempt lands.

FINANCE.

**HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED**

**No. 1300** By Representatives COX, RAPP, AUMENT, B. BOYLE, CHRISTIANA, CLYMER, CUTLER, DUNBAR, EMRICK, GIBBONS, GROVE, C. HARRIS, HENNESSEY, HICKERNELL, KAUFFMAN, M. K. KELLER, MOUL, ROCK, SANKEY, SWANGER, TALLMAN and TRUITT

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in preliminary provisions, providing for school grading system.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, May 14, 2013.

**No. 1382** By Representatives HANNA, TOEPEL, CUTLER, KORTZ, LONGIETTI, GODSHALL, HESS, BIZZARRO, DeLUCA, CONKLIN, FABRIZIO, READSHAW, CLYMER, COX, COHEN, EVERETT and KULA

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for powers and duties of commission; and establishing the Antlerless Deer Harvest Committee.

Referred to Committee on GAME AND FISHERIES, May 14, 2013.

**No. 1383** By Representatives HANNA, BOBACK, O'NEILL, KORTZ, YOUNGBLOOD, GODSHALL, HESS, MAHONEY, MURT, CONKLIN, FABRIZIO, CARROLL, COHEN, D. COSTA and GABLER

An Act providing for reimbursement to certain emergency services providers of the cost of responding to a request for emergency services on certain State-owned lands.

Referred to Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, May 14, 2013.

**No. 1384** By Representatives HANNA, MILLARD, CALTAGIRONE, FABRIZIO, HESS and COHEN

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Pennsylvania Game Commission, further providing for organization of commission and for its powers and duties.

Referred to Committee on GAME AND FISHERIES, May 14, 2013.

**No. 1385** By Representatives HANNA, BIZZARRO, V. BROWN, MURT, BOBACK, MAHONEY, CALTAGIRONE and COHEN

An Act amending Title 30 (Fish) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in enforcement, further providing for powers and duties of waterways conservation officers.

Referred to Committee on GAME AND FISHERIES, May 14, 2013.

**No. 1386** By Representatives HANNA, V. BROWN, MURT, KORTZ, MAHONEY, FABRIZIO, CARROLL, HESS, COHEN, EVERETT and MOUL

An Act amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in services and facilities, providing for electricity supplied to seasonal businesses.

Referred to Committee on CONSUMER AFFAIRS, May 14, 2013.

**No. 1387** By Representatives HANNA, BIZZARRO, V. BROWN, MURT, BOBACK, CALTAGIRONE, COHEN and MULLERY

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in enforcement, further providing for powers and duties of enforcement officers.

Referred to Committee on GAME AND FISHERIES, May 14, 2013.

**No. 1388** By Representatives HANNA, KORTZ, COHEN and CALTAGIRONE

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in enforcement, further providing for powers and duties of enforcement officers.

Referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, May 14, 2013.

**No. 1389** By Representatives HANNA, V. BROWN, GODSHALL, KORTZ, MAHONEY, CALTAGIRONE, DeLUCA, FABRIZIO, COHEN and GOODMAN

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in matters affecting government units, providing for legal fees in Pennsylvania Game Commission matters.

Referred to Committee on GAME AND FISHERIES, May 14, 2013.

**No. 1390** By Representatives HANNA, GODSHALL, FABRIZIO, CALTAGIRONE, MAHONEY, KORTZ, PASHINSKI, COHEN, BISHOP and KULA

An Act amending Title 31 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in disabled veterans' real estate tax exemption, further providing for duty of board, for duty of commission and for appeals.

Referred to Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, May 14, 2013.

**No. 1391** By Representatives HANNA, BIZZARRO, V. BROWN, LONGIETTI, CONKLIN, MURT, KORTZ, CALTAGIRONE, FABRIZIO, COHEN and EVERETT

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in registration of vehicles, further providing for period of registration.
No. 1392  By Representatives HANNA, KORTZ, MURT, TALLMAN, KINSEY, FABRIZIO, DeLUCA and KULA

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in enforcement, providing for authority to arrest or cite outside of State park or forest lands.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, May 14, 2013.

No. 1393  By Representatives HANNA, YOUNGBLOOD, CALTAGIRONE, HESS, V. BROWN, KINSEY, FABRIZIO, THOMAS, COHEN and DeLUCA

An Act amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in service and facilities, further providing for billing procedures.

Referred to Committee on CONSUMER AFFAIRS, May 14, 2013.

No. 1394  By Representatives EVERETT, MULLERY, MILLARD, MARSICO, HEFFLEY, V. BROWN, KAUFFMAN, PICKETT, LONGIETTI, MAJOR, KORTZ, SCHLOSSBERG, ROCK, GINGRICH, COHEN, MOUL, GILLEN, M. K. KELLER, WATSON, DENLINGER, TOOHIL, HARBART and GABLER

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for special registration plates generally and for personal registration plates; and making editorial changes.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, May 14, 2013.

**SENATE BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE**

The clerk of the Senate, being introduced, presented the following bills for concurrence:

**SB 59, PN 28**

Referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, May 14, 2013.

**SB 277, PN 182**

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, May 14, 2013.

**SB 579, PN 883**

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, May 14, 2013.

**SENATE MESSAGE**

**RECESS RESOLUTION FOR CONCURRENCE**

The clerk of the Senate, being introduced, presented the following extract from the Journal of the Senate, which was read as follows:

In the Senate,

May 13, 2013

RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring), Pursuant to Article II, Section 14 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the Senate recesses this week, it reconvene on Monday, June 3, 2013, unless sooner recalled by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED, Pursuant to Article II, Section 14 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the House of Representatives recesses this week, it reconvene on Monday, June 3, 2013, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Ordered, That the clerk present the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

On the question,

Will the House concur in the resolution of the Senate?

Resolution was concurred in.

Ordered, That the clerk inform the Senate accordingly.

**LEAVES OF ABSENCE**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Are there leaves of absence?

The Chair recognizes the minority whip, who requests a leave of absence for the gentleman, Mr. BRIGGS, from Montgomery County for the day. Without objection, the leave will be so granted. Also, the minority whip requests a leave of absence for the gentleman, Mr. BRADFORD, from Montgomery for the day. Without objection, the leaves of absence are so granted.

The Chair notes that there are no leaves of absence from the majority.

Will all members please report to the floor.

**BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE, CONSIDERED FIRST TIME, AND TABLED**

**HB 79, PN 58**  
By Rep. MARSICO

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, further providing for compensation and retirement of justices, judges and justices of the peace.

JUDICIARY.
HB 1337, PN 1815 (Amended)  By Rep. MARSICO

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for surcharge for deposit into the Access to Justice Account.

JUDICIARY.

SB 333, PN 311  By Rep. MARSICO


JUDICIARY.

SB 334, PN 1069 (Amended)  By Rep. MARSICO

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; in organization, further providing for Chief Justice and president judges; in community and municipal courts, further providing for the Philadelphia Municipal Court and for jurisdiction and venue and providing for hearing officers; and, in traffic courts, further providing for jurisdiction and venue and for the Traffic Court of Philadelphia.

JUDICIARY.

RESOLUTION REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

HR 107, PN 864  By Rep. MARSICO

A Resolution urging the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania to require pro bono legal service as a condition of admission to the Pennsylvania Bar.

JUDICIARY.

MASTER ROLL CALL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair is about to take the master roll. Members will proceed to vote.

The following roll call was recorded:

PRESENT–199

Adolph Evankovich Kirkland Petro
Aument Evans Knowles Pickett
Baker Everett Kortz Pyle
Barbin Fabrizio Kotik Quinn
Barrar Farina Krieger Rapp
Benninghoff Farry Kula Ravenstahl
Bishop Fee Lawrence Readshaw
Bizzarro Fleck Longietti Reed
Bloom Flynn Lucases Reese
Boback Frankel Mackenzie Regan
Boyle, B. Freeman Maher Roae
Boyle, K. Gabler Mahoney Rock
Brooks Gainey Major Roeback
Brown, R. Galloway Maloney Ross
Brown, V. Gergely Markosek Rozzi
Brownlee Gibbons Marshall Sabatina
Burns Gillen Marsico Saccone
Caltagirone Gillespie Masser Sainato
Carroll Gingrich Matzie Samuelson
Causer Godshall McCarter Sankey

ADDITIONS–0
NOT VOTING–0
EXCUSED–2

Bradford Briggs
LEAVES CANCELED–2
Bradford Briggs

The SPEAKER pro tempore. One hundred and ninety-nine members having voted on the master roll, a quorum is present.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Located to the left of the rostrum, the Chair welcomes the wife of our Guest Chaplain, Sharon Goodman. The Goodmans are the guests of Representative Denlinger. Please rise and be recognized.

Also located to the left of the rostrum, the Chair welcomes Christopher and Joseph Crescenz. They are the guests of Representative John Lawrence. Please rise and be recognized.

Also located to the left of the rostrum, the Chair welcomes former Representative John Barley and his grandson, Jonah Barley. They are the guests of Representative Cutler.

Located to the left of the rostrum, the Chair welcomes Thomas Kutz, who is interning with Representative Delozier's district office. Welcome.

Located to the left of the rostrum, the Chair welcomes Jordan Deeter and Daniel McConnell, who are interning with Representative Kampf through the Conestoga High School Community Internship Program. They are here with Sean Dempsey from Representative Kampf's district office. Welcome.
Also to the left of the rostrum, the Chair welcomes Paul Brenner. His business, Brenner Recycling, has been serving the Hazleton community for 85 years. He is the guest of Representative Toohil. Welcome.

Located in the rear of the House, the Chair welcomes members of the African-American Leadership Association from Pittsburgh. They are guests of Representative Wheatley. Please rise and be recognized.

STATEMENT BY MR. WHEATLEY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that issue, Representative Wheatley is recognized.

Mr. WHEATLEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I wanted to make sure that my colleagues had a chance to really get to know, both from Representative Gainey and myself, that the African-American Leadership Association is an organization that is geared around providing access and opportunities as well as helping to diversify our region with talented African-American citizens. So one of the things that we wanted to do is make sure that they had an opportunity to learn firsthand what we do here in the State Capitol.

So I would hope that my colleagues will take some time and walk back to the back and introduce themselves to some of our talented individuals from Pittsburgh and the surrounding region. But ultimately, what we do here in the House has meaning to real people and real citizens, and so we really would encourage our colleagues to go introduce yourselves. Let them see their leaders at the State Capitol at work.

So I wanted to just make that note and encourage the members to spend some time with these young leaders from Pittsburgh and the surrounding region. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Located in the rear of the House, the Chair welcomes firefighters and fire police from the Highspire and Steelton Fire Departments. They are representing all firefighters in the Commonwealth in observance of International Firefighters’ Day that occurred earlier this month. They are the guests of Representative Kim. Please rise and be recognized. We thank you for your service.

Located in the gallery, the Chair welcomes the Daniel Boone Optimist Club. They are the guests of Representative Maloney. Please rise and be recognized.

Also located in the gallery, the Chair welcomes students from the Clarke School for Hearing and Speech. They are guests of Representatives Adolph, Bradford, Corbin, Bill Keller, Kinsey, and Vitali. Please rise and be recognized.

Located in the well of the House, the Chair welcomes guest page Bryor Moritz. Bryor is a senior at Red Lion Area High School, where he is a team captain of the varsity swim team. He is an honor student who plans to attend Drexel University and major in architectural engineering. He is the guest of Representative Saylor. Please rise and be recognized.

The Chair welcomes Sue Daugherty from MANNA (Metropolitan Area Neighborhood Nutrition Alliance) and Cyndi Dinger from MANNA, who are guests of Joe Markosek and Representative Sims. Please rise and be recognized. Welcome.

Located in the rear of the House, the Chair welcomes members of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. They are the guests of Representative Vanessa Brown. Please rise and be recognized.

UNCONTESTED CALENDAR

RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Ms. KIM called up HR 280, PN 1625, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing and honoring firefighters throughout this Commonwealth for their bravery, dedication and heroism and designating May 4, 2013, as "Firefighters' Day" in Pennsylvania.

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Ms. V. BROWN called up HR 289, PN 1688, entitled:

A Resolution honoring Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority by designating May 14, 2013, as "Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Day" in Pennsylvania.

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Ms. RAPP called up HR 313, PN 1749, entitled:

A Resolution designating May 14, 2013, as "Apraxia Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. THOMAS called up HR 316, PN 1767, entitled:

A Resolution congratulating the Temple University Institute on Disabilities on its 40th anniversary and recognizing its positive impact on the lives of people across the United States and throughout this Commonwealth.

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Mr. ELLIS called up HR 317, PN 1768, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the 70th anniversary of the National Federation of Independent Business on May 20, 2013, and honoring the association for its contributions to small businesses throughout this Commonwealth.

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Mrs. WATSON called up HR 321, PN 1770, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of May 2013 as "Healthy Babies Month" in Pennsylvania.

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Mrs. WATSON called up HR 322, PN 1771, entitled:

A Resolution observing the week of May 1 through 7, 2013, as "National Physical Education and Sports Week" and the month of May 2013 as "National Physical Fitness and Sports Month" in Pennsylvania, and encouraging residents of Pennsylvania to learn more about the importance of physical activity for their health, to incorporate physical activity into their daily lives and to join in an effort to create a more enlightened public attitude and response.

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Mrs. WATSON called up HR 323, PN 1772, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing May 2013 as "Global Youth Traffic Safety Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolutions?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS–199

Adolph           Evankovich  Kirkland  Petri
Aument           Evans       Knowles   Pickett
Baker            Everett     Kortz     Pyle
Barbin           Fabrizio    Kotik     Quinn
Barrar           Farina      Krieger   Rapp
Benninghoff      Farry       Kula      Ravenstahl
Bishop          Fee          Lawrence  Readshaw
Bizzarro         Fleck       Longietti Reed
Bloom            Flynn       Lucas     Reese
Boback           Frankel     Mackenzie Regan
Boyle, B.        Freeman     Maher     Roae
Boyle, K.        Gabler      Mahoney  Rock
Brooks           Gainey      Major     Roebuck
Brown, R.        Galloway    Maloney  Ross
Brown, V.        Gergely     Markosek  Rozzi
Brownlee         Gibbons     Marshall  Sabatina
Burns            Gillen      Marsico   Saccione
Caltagirone     Gillespie   Masser    Sainato
Carroll          Gingrich    Matzie    Samuelson
Causer           Godshall    McCarter  Sankey
Christiana       Goodman     McGeehan  Santarsiero
Clay             Greiner     McGinnis  Saylor
Clymer           Grell       McNeill   Scavello
Cohen            Greve       Mentzer   Schlossberg
Conklin          Hackett    Metcalfe  Simmons
Corbin           Haggerty   Metzgar   Sims
Costa, D.        Hahn        Miccarelli Smith
Costa, P.        Haluska     Micozzie  Snyder
Cox              Hanna       Millard   Sonney
Cruz             Harhai      Miller    Stephens
Culver           Harhart     Milne     Stern
Cutler           Harkins     Mirabito  Stevenson
Daley, M.        Harper      Miranda  Sturla
Daley, P.        Harris, A.  Molchany  Swanger
Davidson         Harris, J.  Moul      Tallman
Davis            Heffley     Mullery   Taylor
Day              Helm        Mundy     Thomas
Dean             Hennesy     Murt      Tobash
Deasy            Hess        Musto     Toepel
DeLissio         Hickernell  Neilson   Toohil
Delozier         James       Neuman    Truitt
DeLuca           Kampf       O'Brien   Turzai
Denlinger        Kaufman     O'Neill   Vebre
Demody           Kavulich   Oberlander Vitali
DiGirolamo       Keller, F.  Painter   Waters
Donatucci        Keller, M.K. Parker   Watson
Dubar            Keller, W.  Pashinski Wheatley
Ellis            Killion     Payne     White
Emrick           Kim         Peifer    Youngblood
English          Kinsey      Petrarca

NAYS–0

NOT VOTING–0

EXCUSED–2

Bradford  Briggs

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the resolutions were adopted.

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Mr. TURZAI called up HR 315, PN 1759, entitled:

A Resolution honoring the life and extending condolences upon the death of former Congressman Bob Edgar.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that HR 315 be recommitted to the Rules Committee.

On the question,
Will the House agree to the motion?

Motion was agreed to.

STATEMENT BY MS. KIM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Upon unanimous consent, the Chair recognizes Representative Kim, who would like to speak on HR 280, International Firefighters' Day, a resolution that we just passed. Representative Kim, you are so recognized.

Ms. KIM. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for the opportunity to say—

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlelady please suspend.

It is a bit noisy. Members, kindly take your seats.

Ms. KIM. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, HR 280 designates May 4, 2013, as "International Firefighters' Day" in Pennsylvania. International Firefighters' Day is a worldwide celebration that started in 1999 in Australia. After a tragic wildfire that claimed the lives of five firefighters, firefighter J.J. Edmondson sent an e-mail to his colleagues calling for an international holiday to honor the sacrifices and triumphs of firefighters around the world.

Since then International Firefighters’ Day has grown to become a date in which the world's community can stand together to recognize and honor sacrifices made by all firefighters to guarantee safety within their communities. The observances help thank current and past firefighters for their contributions and serve as a remembrance of those men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice to save and protect lives in their neighborhoods.

This observance is particularly important in Pennsylvania, where in 1736 Benjamin Franklin founded the first volunteer
The Speaker pro tempore. The Chair thanks the lady.

STATEMENT BY MS. BROWN

The Speaker pro tempore. The Chair returns to the gentlelady, Ms. Brown, on unanimous consent for remarks on HR 289. So recognized.

Ms. V. BROWN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

To my fellow members, thank you for your support in recognizing Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

I would like at this time to invite all the members of AKA to please stand.

Today we recognize the sisters of Alpha Kappa Alpha, members of the oldest Greek organization for African-American women.

Organized in January 1908 by 9 women at my alma mater, Howard University, the sorority now boasts 250,000 members in 900 chapters worldwide. Members must have solid academic records and a history of public service and leadership.

Pennsylvania hosts 13 undergraduate chapters, including 6 in schools which are part of our State System of Higher Education. There are also eight graduate chapters in our Commonwealth. AKA supports incoming students as well, offering scholarships on both local and national levels.

There are a number of famous women who are members of the great AKA sorority; to list them would take far too much time. But I would just like to bring forth a few of them: actress Phylicia Rashad, the mom we all know; author Toni Morrison; jazz musician Cassandra Wilson; and TV host Star Jones.

I would like to thank my fellow House members for their bravery and sacrifice.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker pro tempore. The Chair thanks the lady.

STATEMENT BY Mrs. PARKER

The Speaker pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the lady, upon unanimous consent, Mrs. Parker.

Mrs. PARKER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I, too, rise to salute the women of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

And I would be remiss, Mr. Speaker, if I allowed these women to leave without saying a special thanks to four women who have had a profound impact on my life personally who are members of this organization. And the first person, Mr. Speaker, is Dr. Sonia Sanchez, who is a noted author and historian and happens to be the best friend to one of my close supporters and the mother of one of my best male friends.
In addition to that, we have the Honorable Augusta Clark, who is the former councilwoman-at-large in the city of Philadelphia; a lady by the name of Ruth Butler Simons, who managed the recreation center in the neighborhood that I grew up in, in West Oak Lane.

And finally, most important to me, Mr. Speaker, the final person is here today. Her name is Cheryl Harper. Cheryl has been a long-time volunteer, supporter, and friend, and her family is family. And although I am a member, a proud member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., you all are my friends, and Cheryl Harper, she is my family.

So thank you, ladies, for being here.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the lady.

GUEST INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Located in the rear of the House, the Chair welcomes Athena Folino. She is the guest of Representative Jesse White. Please rise and be recognized.

CALENDAR

RESOLUTION

Mr. BARRAR called up HR 210, PN 1332, entitled:

A Resolution memorializing the Congress of the United States to enact S. No. 229 (2013), to rename the Philadelphia Veterans Affairs Medical Center after Corporal Michael J. Crescenz.

On the question,

Will the House adopt the resolution?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman, Mr. Barrar, is recognized on his resolution.

Mr. BARRAR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I want to bring this resolution to the attention of the members, and this resolution would rename the Philadelphia Veterans Affairs Medical Center after one of Pennsylvania’s great war heroes from the Vietnam war. It is Cpl. Michael J. Crescenz.

And I would ask that Representative Lawrence and I could be recognized under unanimous consent after the vote.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman is in order. The gentleman, Mr. Lawrence, is recognized as well as Mr. Barrar upon conclusion of the vote.

On the question recurring,

Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS–199

NAYS–0

NOT VOTING–0

EXCUSED–2

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the resolution was adopted.

STATEMENT BY MR. BARRAR

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Upon unanimous consent, the gentlemen, Mr. Barrar and then Mr. Lawrence, are so recognized.

Mr. BARRAR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And I want to thank the members for their positive vote on this resolution.

This resolution would rename the Philadelphia Veterans Affairs Medical Center after a Pennsylvania war hero, Cpl. Michael J. Crescenz.

Corporal Crescenz was awarded the Medal of Honor for action in the Hiep Duc Valley in Vietnam in November of 1968 when his company came under attack by the enemy. Crescenz successfully charged enemy bunkers three times, but unfortunately, he was killed when he was trying to take out the...
Corporal Crescenz is the only Medal of Honor recipient from Philadelphia who served in the Vietnam war. His brave actions deserve to be memorialized, and I believe renaming the Philadelphia VA Medical Center is an honor, is a fitting tribute to Corporal Crescenz.

As a veteran of the Vietnam war, I know how important it is to recognize the heroic actions of those who fought in this conflict. This resolution will have a lot of meaning for both the Crescenz family and for every veteran of the Vietnam war.

To complete this action it takes an act of Congress. So I would like to call attention to the fact that this resolution is also being sponsored in Washington by Senators Pat Toomey and Bob Casey, as well as the entire Philadelphia and State congressional delegations are supporting this initiative at the Federal level through legislation.

I thank you again, and may God always bless Corporal Crescenz and his family for their sacrifice.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

STATEMENT BY MR. LAWRENCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes Representative Lawrence.

Mr. LAWRENCE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

It is my great pleasure to stand with the good gentleman from Delaware County in support of this resolution.

Mr. Speaker, everyone who serves in our nation's military gives of themselves in service to others. And as we approach Memorial Day, it is fitting to remember those who gave their lives in defense of our nation.

Mr. Speaker, one of the saddest chapters of our nation's history is the disrespectful treatment afforded to soldiers who served in Vietnam. My own second cousin has shared these sentiments with me about his return from military service during the Vietnam era.

Mr. Speaker, as our Vietnam veterans grow older and utilize the services of this VA medical facility in Philadelphia in greater numbers, what better way to show our honor and gratitude to their service than to name this facility after one of their own.

As has been noted, Corporal Crescenz received the Medal of Honor for his heroic bravery during the Vietnam war. Mr. Speaker, over half a million Americans served in Vietnam, and 58,000 gave their lives. Of these, only 248 received the Medal of Honor, the nation’s highest military honor. Corporal Crescenz is one of those distinguished patriots.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

Mr. LAWRENCE. Two of his brothers, Joe and Chris, are here with us today. Could you please stand to be recognized.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the members for their unanimous support of this resolution, HR 210. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. ROEBUCK called up HR 259, PN 1539, entitled:

A Resolution congratulating the Drexel University Women's Basketball Team on its outstanding season, which culminated in winning the Women's National Invitation Tournament Championship on April 6, 2013.

On the question, Will the House adopt the resolution?

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Bradford Briggs
The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the resolution was adopted.

STATEMENT BY MR. ROEBUCK

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On the resolution, by unanimous consent, the gentleman, Mr. Roebuck, is so recognized.

Mr. ROEBUCK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I want to thank my colleagues for adopting this resolution, which honors the women's basketball team of Drexel University, which is the first Philadelphia Division I women's team to win a postseason championship.

This honor to Drexel is notable in that Drexel also demonstrated their proficiency, not only in that NIT (National Invitation Tournament) tournament but also by amassing a 23-14 record over the season, which is the largest number of victories for any Drexel basketball team.

It was my hope that the team could in fact be here to gain the recognition of all the members of the legislature of the House, but indeed, academics transcend athletics and that was not possible. But I do thank you for joining with me in recognizing these outstanding women for their achievement and certainly hope that you join with me in wishing them continued success.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. DEASY called up HR 285, PN 1665, entitled:

A Resolution congratulating the Bishop Canevin High School Girls' Basketball Team upon its stellar season and championship victories.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS–199

NAYS–0

NOT VOTING–0

EXCUSED–2

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the resolution was adopted.

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the lady, Ms. Major, for a caucus announcement.

Ms. MAJOR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to announce Republicans will caucus today at 12 noon. I would ask our Republican members to please report to our caucus room at 12 noon. We would be prepared to come back on the floor at 2 p.m., and when we return to the floor, Mr. Speaker, there will be an Appropriations meeting called from the floor at that time.

So thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would ask our Republican members to report to our caucus at 12 noon. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the lady.

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Frankel, for a caucus announcement.

Mr. FRANKEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Democrats will also caucus at 12 noon. Democrats will caucus at 12 noon. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.
RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This House now stands in recess until 2 p.m., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

AFTER RECESS

The time of recess having expired, the House was called to order.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE CANCELED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the minority leader, who asks that the gentlemen, Mr. Briggs and Mr. Bradford, be added back to the master roll call. Without objection, they will be added.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY MR. PYLE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Pyle, under unanimous consent.

Mr. PYLE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this is just a point of personal privilege. Many of us that have children know what it is like to have to be away on their birthday, and that is my circumstance today. I appreciate your acquiescence in letting me say, Lauren Elizabeth, happy 16th. I miss you, baby.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

For the information of the members, there will be no further votes.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY MR. FRANKEL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Frankel, for an announcement.

Mr. FRANKEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I just want to remind Democrats that our 4 o'clock meeting, our retreat, is still on. So our 4 o'clock meeting is still on. So thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

BILLS REMOVED FROM TABLE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The majority leader, who moves that HB 36 and HB 993 be removed from the tabled calendar and placed on the active calendar.

On the question,
Will the House agree to the motion?
Motion was agreed to.

BILLS TABLED

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On the question,
Will the House agree to the motion?
Motion was agreed to.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY MS. BROWN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. For what purpose does the gentlelady, Ms. Brown, rise?

Ms. V. BROWN. Thank you.

I would like to make a meeting announcement, Mr. Speaker. I would like to announce that the members of the PLBC (Pennsylvania Legislative Black Caucus), we need to have an immediate meeting in Irvis 326, in Irvis 326 immediately. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the lady.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER pro tempore. For what purpose does the gentleman, Mr. Clymer, from Bucks County rise?

Mr. CLYMER. To make an announcement of a meeting.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman is in order and may proceed.

Mr. CLYMER. The meeting that I had called for our members at 3:30 is still on, so we would like to see them there at 3:30. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The meeting of the Education Committee is still on at 3:30.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS PASSED OVER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, all remaining bills and resolutions on today's calendar will be passed over. The Chair hears no objection.
ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes Representative English from Allegheny County, who moves that this House do now adjourn until Wednesday, May 15, 2013, at 11 a.m., e.d.t., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

On the question,
Will the House agree to the motion?
Motion was agreed to, and at 2:49 p.m., e.d.t., the House adjourned.